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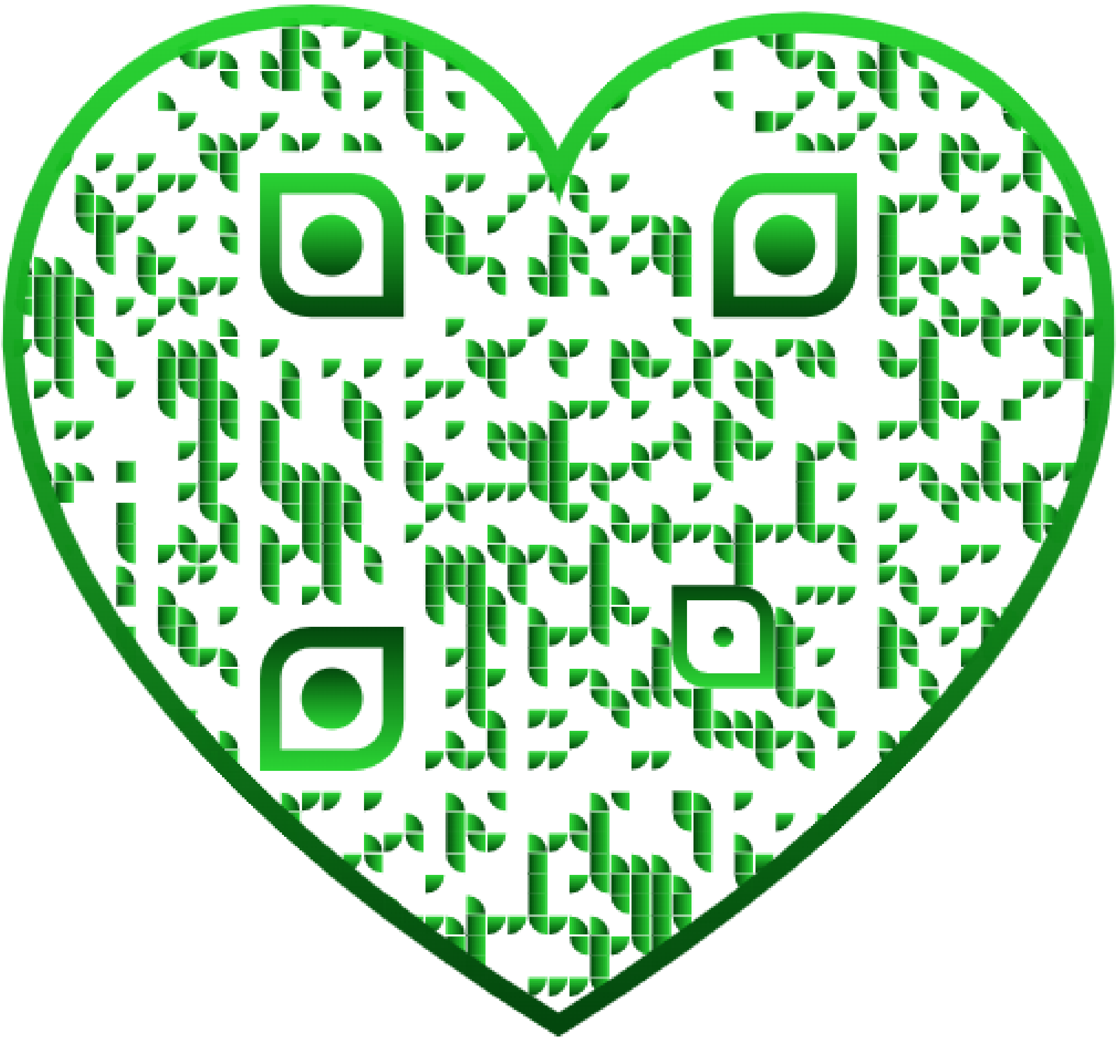

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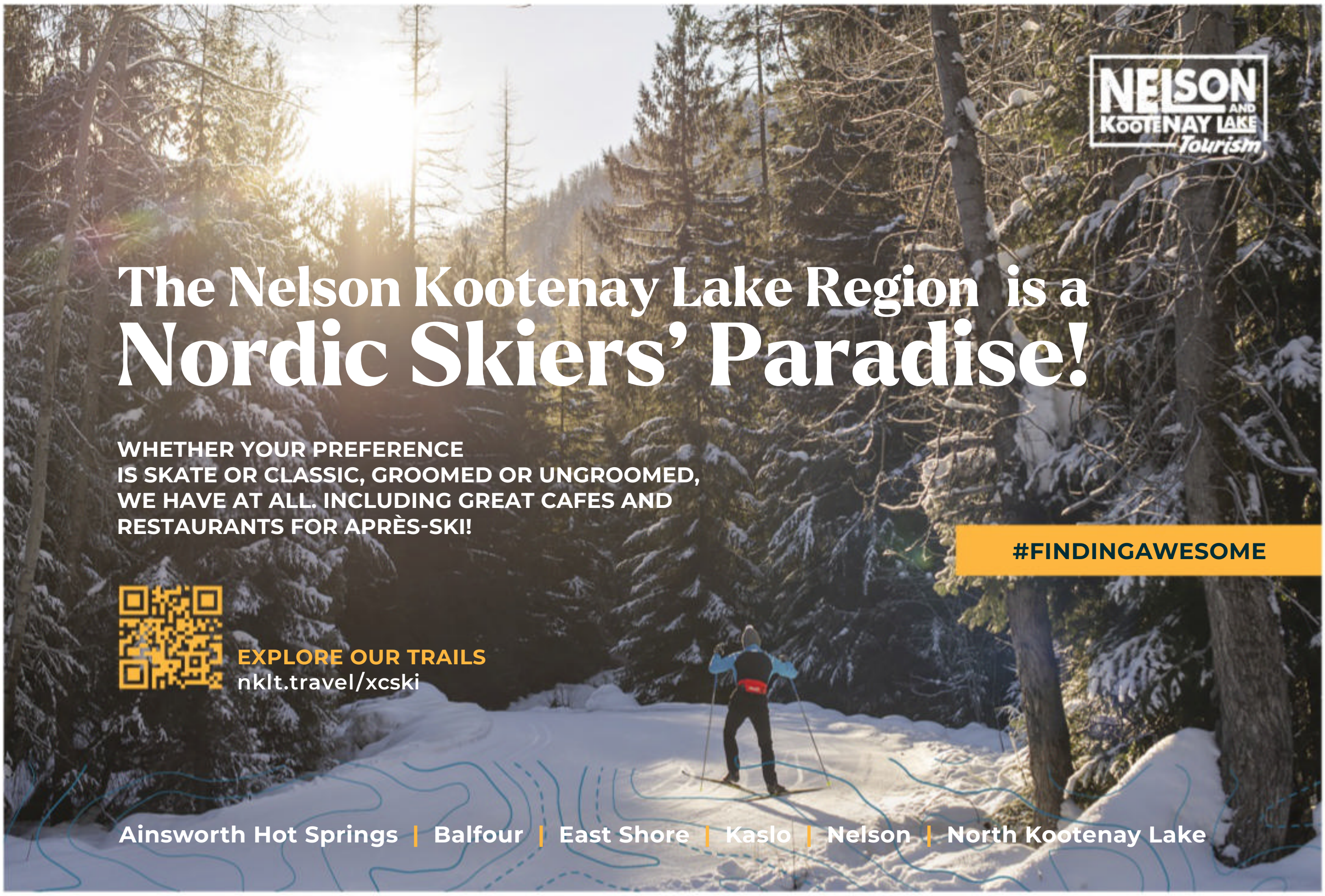

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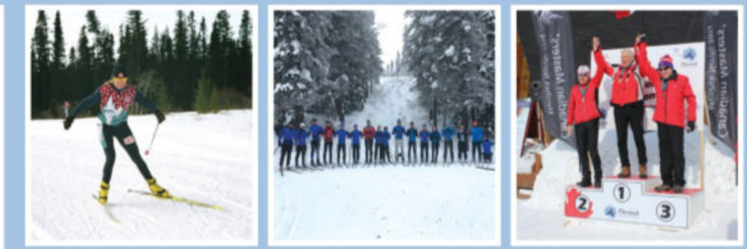

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LAKE TAHOE REGION

Stunning mountain vistas, majestic pines, substantial snowfall, over 300 days of sunshine each year, and the emerald-blue waters of Lake Tahoe are all signature features of the Lake Tahoe Region. Known for its world-class cross-country and downhill ski resorts, abundant snowfall and spectacular scenery, Lake Tahoe has a fascinating history and a wide range of lodging options. Three of the region's best resorts deliver a unique, family-friendly, Northern California Nordic skiing experience, with over 305 kilometres of top-notch, groomed cross-country skiing and snowshoe trails and fabulous amenities to guarantee a memorable vacation.

Tahoe Donner Cross Country Ski Resort

The renowned Tahoe Donner Cross Country Ski Center (TDXC) offers over 100 kilometres of world-class touring terrain, from beginner and intermediate trails to exciting double black diamonds, for cross country skiers and snowshoers of all levels.

Explore serene forests, cruise through beautiful meadows and soak in stunning views of the Sierra Nevada across over 70 expertly groomed trails.

As the only Nordic skiing facility in the region with dedicated snowmaking capabilities, TDXC ensures early-season skiing and the best possible conditions all season long.

With a talented team of professional instructors, classic and skate skiers can hone their skills with individualized instruction in private, semi-private and group lessons.

Expert technicians will fine-tune your skis, and there's a dedicated wax room for public use, plus a rental shop with top-brand demo and recreational Nordic skis and snowshoes.

The Alder Creek Cafe + Trailside Bar offers delicious grab-and-go treats, healthy dining options, refreshing beer and wine selection, along with cozy fireside seating inside or firepits outside on the patio.

Celebrating its 40th anniversary TDXC has been voted "Best Ski Resort" year after year by Sierra Sun Readers and was ranked in the top 3 in USA Today's "10Best" Reader's Choice Best Cross Country Ski Resorts in 2024.

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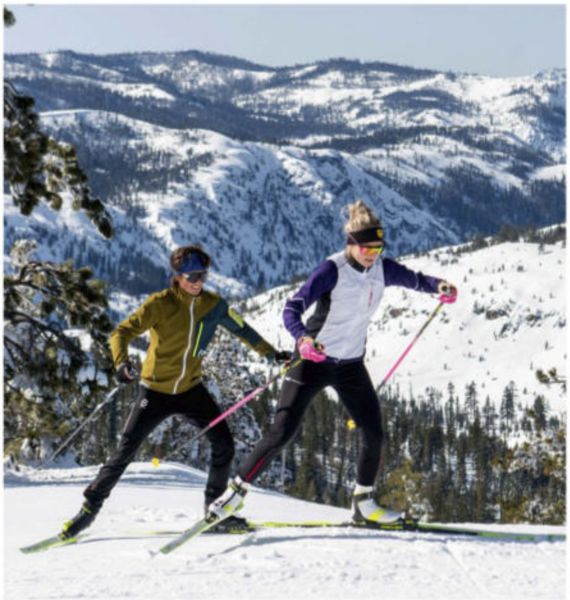
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Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort

Legendary Royal Gorge is renowned for having North America's most adventurous Nordic terrain, featuring 137 trails, an unbelievable 159 kilometres of excellent skiable terrain and six trailside warming huts.

With the finest views of the Northern Sierra, including some of the most majestic peaks in Tahoe, there are eight distinct trail systems for classic and skate skiing that offer a variety of terrain for skiers of all ages and ability levels.

Royal Gorge offers lessons from professional instructors for skiers of all skill levels and quality rental equipment, including snowshoes, skate skis and classic skis.

The Gold Rush Cafe and Bar offers both grab-and-go and eat-in lunch options daily, along with snacks, beverages, and dinner on Friday and Saturday evenings. And as always, our famous cookies are baked fresh daily.

The central Summit Station trail system connects with the Village at Sugar Bowl, where you can also enjoy lunch and a drink on the lodge deck.

Stay nearby at the charming Hotel at Sugar Bowl or one of the many comfortable vacation rentals on Donner Summit. Many more lodging and dining options can be found in the Town of Truckee, just 14 miles (32 kilometres) away.

Enjoy fabulous winter adventures at Royal Gorge on Donner Summit at 7,000 feet (2,134 metres), an ideal elevation for excellent snow conditions from November to late-April.

Tahoe Cross-Country Ski Resort

Tahoe XC offers year-round, outdoor activities and spectacular views of Lake Tahoe. With 50 kilometres of superbly groomed skate and classic trails only miles from downtown Tahoe City, the trail network also features snowshoe-specific trails and three warming huts.

For winter guests, Tahoe XC provides adult and child lessons and rentals – including snowshoes. Adults 70+, and youth under 19, ski for free. Out on the trails, explore creekside routes under the towering pines, or ascend to several high-points for great views of Lake Tahoe.

Après ski, check out the Free Heel Café, featuring delicious food and hot drinks you can enjoy by the fireplace or out on the sun deck.

In early March, participate in the iconic Great Ski Race. Or, shop fantastic deals at the Summer Gear Swap in late May, or the XC Ski Swap in November, both fundraisers for Tahoe XC's sister non-profit organization, Tahoe Cross-Country Ski Education Association (TCCSEA), which provides year-round, high quality and affordable youth programs for the community.

Come; join us this year. Be sure to ask us about the new TCCSEA & Tahoe XC Lodge Project slated for completion in 2028. And for that small town mountain ambience, stay in nearby Tahoe City and explore its wide variety of shops and restaurants.

REGION

CALIFORNIA,
U.S.A.

ACCOMMODATION

Numerous options in the Truckee, Donner Summit and Tahoe City area, including hotel rooms, 5-star lodging, and trailside vacation rentals

AMENITIES

All areas have rentals, food and beverages, wax rooms, warming huts, sun decks

DINING

Alder Creek Café, Gold Rush Café and Bar, Free Heel Café, many options in Truckee and Tahoe City

XC SKIING

- 140km Royal Gorge
- 100km Tahoe Donner
- Over 50km Tahoe XC
- Classic, skate skiing
- Lessons
- Dog-friendly trails

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Snowshoeing
- Downhill, telemark, backcountry skiing
- Snowboarding
- Fat biking
- Snowmobiling
- Ice skating

ATTRACTIONS

- Discovery Center Yurt, Scenic Gondola Rides, The Great Ski Race
- A day's drive to Napa wineries and many historic places of interest

GETTING THERE

Nearest airport:
- Reno-Tahoe Int'l (RNO) 52mi/83km
- Sacramento Int'l (SMF) 106mi/170km
- San Francisco Int'l (SFO) 198mi/319km

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Trail Fees
Vary at each resort

Room Rates
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PHOTOS: SILVIES VALLEY RANCH

SILVIES VALLEY RANCH

Silvies Valley Ranch is a storied working ranch and retreat located at 5,000ft elevation in the centre of the Malheur National Forest in central-eastern Oregon, about three hours east of Bend. With annual snowfalls of around 3-4 feet, Silvies offers 24km/15 miles of superb classic and skate cross-country ski courses that are groomed to your preference.

A renowned golf destination that's listed among the top 100 in the world, the ranch has been a summertime world-class destination for many guests, who come from all over the world to play two of the Top 50 highest-ranked golf courses in the United States.

Boasting 150,000 acres, Silvies is both vast and rural. The Ranch brought in Oregonian Tim Gibbons, a professional trail designer, to build scenic cross-country ski trails suited to beginner (green) and intermediate (blue) skiers, with expansive views of the beautiful high desert country.

Running through old-growth Ponderosa pine, juniper and sage, trail access is ski-in/ski-out from your lodging, and there are also trails for snowshoeing and fat biking.

Silvies also offers classic ski rentals and boots. Join private and group lessons for classic, skating, and backcountry skiing that are taught by certified professional ski instructor Ingrid Granlin, owner of Bend-based Glide Nordic. Lessons can cater to any ability and must be booked in advance.

The 34-room boutique eco-resort offers a variety of luxury accommodations. Don't miss the relaxing Lakeside Log Cabins featuring plush western decor, a fully stocked in-room wine cooler and comfy living room with fireplace, plus your own personal hot tub.

Their inviting Sunrise Cabins are designed with a foursome of buddies or couples in mind, featuring four king bedrooms each with their own bathroom, giant rain shower and double sink.

Their comfortable Rancher's Suites offer double and single king options with stocked mini-bar, leather furniture and large flat-screen TVs. The singles have jacuzzi baths.

Ask about Silvies' introductory pricing for first-time guests, along with their holiday specials.

Enjoy on-site dining at the beautiful main Lodge that showcases delicious ranch-raised organic beef and chevon, along with in-house prepared accompaniments and desserts.

Silvies also offers the luxury of a handsome, 13,000 square foot, full-service spa "where nature nurtures your soul" with heated indoor pool for exercise and water therapy; a whole menu of treatments in addition to massage therapies; hot tubs and Finnish dry saunas, fitness room; men's and women's locker rooms; and even a climbing wall beside the pool.

Don't miss their premium activities including sleigh rides, the western pistol range, sourdough baking classes, and popular tastings of scotch, whiskey and tequila.

In summer, along with world-class golf, Silvies offers a range of activities including multiple shooting ranges, ATV/UTV tours, and trail rides with ranch horses.

With the development of a real estate community featuring off-grid, sustainable eco-cabins, the Retreat at Silvies Valley Ranch is now a year-round resort that offers 5-star amenities.

REGION

OREGON,
U.S.A.

ACCOMMODATION

34 luxurious rooms including Lakeside Log Cabins, Sunrise Cabins and Rancher's Suites.

AMENITIES

Full-service spa with heated indoor pool, massage therapies, hot tubs, Finnish dry saunas, fitness centre.

DINING

On-site dining features delicious ranch-raised organic beef and chevon, in-house prepared accompaniments and desserts.

XC SKIING

- 15 miles/24km of classic and skate, green and blue trails groomed to your preference
- ski in/ski out from your lodging
- trails for snowshoeing and fatbiking.
- 3-4' annual snowfalls
- Lessons
- Rentals

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Sleigh rides
- Western pistol range
- Sourdough baking classes
- Tastings of scotch, whiskeys and tequila
- World-class golfing in summer

ATTRACTIONS

- Malheur National Forest
- Grant County Historical Museum
- World of Energy Museum

GETTING THERE

Nearest airports:
- Portland Int'l (PDX) 275 miles away.
- Redmond Municipal (RDM) 145 miles away
- Boise (BOI) 192 miles away

Silvies Valley Ranch
10000 Rendezvous Lane
Seneca, OR 97873

541-573-5150
info@silvies.us
www.silvies.us

Trail Fees
Trail use is included with your stay.

Room Rates
$$$

REGION
CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.

ACCOMMODATION
Bear Valley Lodge plus many short-term condo & home rentals within walking, skiing distance on village snow-groomed roads.

AMENITIES
Large retail and rental shop with XC skis, snowshoes, sleds, and clothing plus the Rossignol Demo Center.

DINING
Meadow Café on the groomed trail system, plus several restaurants in town.

XC SKIING
- Late Nov. to mid-April
- 65km of skate and classic skiing
- 30% beginner, 40% intermediate, 30% advanced
- Three warming huts
- PSIA Ski School

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES
Snowshoeing, sledding and tubing hills, backcountry and downhill skiing, and snowboarding nearby, snowmobile rentals

ATTRACTIONS
Big Trees State Park with Giant Sequoias, Wine tasting in historic Murphys, Championship Golf Course at Greenhorn Creek in Angels Camp

GETTING THERE
Nearest airports:
- Sacramento Int'l (SMF) 130mi/209km
- San Francisco Int'l (SFO) 180mi/290km

Bear Valley Adventure Company
1 Bear Valley Road
Bear Valley, CA 95223

209-753-2834

mail@bvadventures.com
www.bvadventures.com

Trail Fees
Midweek: Adults $40; Seniors $35; Youth $0-$20; Military $30

Room Rates
$$ - $$$

PHOTOS: BEAR VALLEY ADVENTURE

BEAR VALLEY ADVENTURE CO.

Renowned as an XC ski resort that opens early each winter, Bear Valley Adventure Co. boasts 65km of carefully groomed trails, inviting skate and classic skiers to enjoy 3,000 acres of national forest land.

The picturesque network includes 38 fabulous routes with 30% of the trails welcoming beginners, 40% for intermediate skiers, and 30% of advanced terrain to challenge seasoned cross-country skiers.

The scenic trail system has three warming huts, two kids' trails and snowshoeing, with more options nearby including backcountry and downhill skiing and snowboarding.

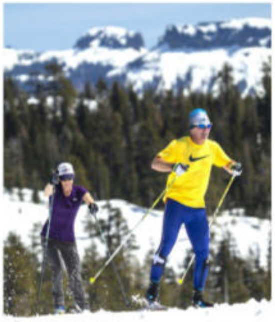
Bear Valley Lodge offers a perfect blend of rustic charm and modern comfort with a variety of room options, including on-site restaurants, a cozy coffee shop and a general store. There are also many short-term condo and home rentals, all within walking and skiing distance on village snow-groomed roads.

A popular pre- and après-ski stop on the groomed trail system is Reba's Meadow Café with an inviting sunny deck to enjoy alpine cuisine and hot and cold drinks.

The large retail and rental shop is ready to assist with plenty of gear including cross-country skis, snowshoes, sleds, and clothing, along with the Rossignol Demo Center.

The PSIA ski school offers lessons from learn-to-ski packages, to group and private lessons.

Other activities include sledding and tubing, wine tasting in historic Murphys town that showcases California's finest, and the Giant Sequoias at nearby Big Trees State Park that are not to be missed.



Bear Valley, Calif. at 7,100–7,800-foot elevation, halfway between Yosemite and Lake Tahoe, collects some 350 inches of snow each winter and will keep you coming back for more. - JA

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TURPIN MEADOW RANCH

Framed by the jagged peaks of the Teton Mountain Range, Turpin Meadow Ranch offers one of Jackson Hole's most memorable winter escapes. Here, breathtaking views and pristine trails come standard, whether you're clipping into Nordic skis, floating across snow on fatbikes, or hiking silently on snowshoes.

The Teton region is a Nordic skier's dream, with nearly 300km of groomed cross-country trails weaving through meadows, forests, and river valleys. Anchoring the north end of Jackson Hole, Turpin Meadow Ranch has earned a reputation as a hub for winter adventure. Less than an hour's drive from Jackson Hole Airport and bordering Grand Teton National Park, the ranch combines authentic Western history, dating back to 1887, with modern mountain luxury.

On property, skiers can explore 20km of daily groomed trails. Nestled at slightly higher elevation than many area routes, the ranch delivers reliable snow conditions when other spots may not. The terrain is approachable for all levels, meandering through meadows and timber, while offering a few climbs and exhilarating descents that start right from the lodge.

Each January, the ranch hosts the annual Free Ski Day, a beloved community event in partnership with the Jackson Hole Nordic Alliance. Locals and visitors alike gather for a festive day of trails, camaraderie, and mountain spirit — a highlight of the winter season.

Guests can stay in cozy cabins or spacious chalets, where trails begin just steps from the door. The one- and two-room cabins feature rustic exteriors paired with inviting, upscale interiors, while chalet buildings can comfortably accommodate groups of up to 14. Every overnight stay includes a hearty breakfast buffet in the lodge, a welcome fuel-up before hitting the trails.

Dining is another highlight at Turpin Meadow Ranch. Inside the lodge, the Trails End Restaurant & Bar offers a culinary experience where mountain cuisine meets the soul

of the American West. Rooted in seasonality and inspired by the surrounding wilderness, the kitchen celebrates locally sourced ingredients and timeless flavours. After a day on the trails, guests can gather in the bar during après-ski hours for craft cocktails and local brews, all enjoyed in the warm, wood-beamed setting of the lodge.

The ranch welcomes skiers, snowshoers, and fatbikers on dedicated trails, with full rental options available for all activities. For those looking to sharpen their skills, PSIA-certified instructors offer classic and skate ski lessons tailored to every level. Experienced guides lead fatbike and snowshoe tours through meadows and forests, while snowmobile adventures set out directly from the ranch to explore the legendary Continental Divide Snowmobile Trail system.

Evenings wind down in the cozy lodge bar, where guests swap stories over fine wines, cocktails, local beers, or warm beverages. Look up and you'll spot a vintage photo of Bob Dylan performing at a wedding here in the 1980s — a fitting reminder that Turpin Meadow Ranch has always been a place where unforgettable moments are made.

REGION

WYOMING, U.S.A.

ACCOMMODATION

Luxury cabins and chalets, with select accommodations hosting up to 14 guests

AMENITIES

Daily hot breakfast buffet, the warm ambiance of gas-lit fireplaces, luxurious down duvets, and bespoke hand-crafted furniture that reflects the spirit of the West.

DINING

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served at the Trails End Restaurant & Bar nestled within our iconic wood-beamed lodge.

XC SKIING

- 15km of trails
- Classic and skate skiing
- Rentals
- Dog-friendly
- Fischer Ski rental equipment

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Snowshoeing
- Fat biking
- Snowmobiling
- Ski and snowshoe lessons and tours

ATTRACTIONS

- Yellowstone National Park
- Grand Teton National Park
- Fossil Butte National
- Jackson Hole Nordic Annual Free Ski, Fat bike, & Snowshoe Day (2nd weekend in January)

GETTING THERE

Nearest airport:
- Jackson Hole (JAC) 45mi/72km

Turpin Meadow Ranch
24505 Buffalo Valley Road,
Moran, WY
83013

307-543-2000

www.turpinmeadowranch.com

Trail Fees

Adult $25, Junior (11 and under) $15

Room Rates

$$$

REGION
IDAHO,
U.S.A.

ACCOMMODATION
Four yurts with wood stoves, full kitchen, sleeps up to eight.

AMENITIES
Full Moon Dinners, Lodge rental for private events.

DINING
Fresh food and full bar service on the deck or inside the dining room, open daily 9-5pm, lunch served 11-3:30pm

XC SKIING
- mid-Nov - mid-April
- Over 50km of trails for both classic and skate skiers
- 25km of snowshoe trails, plus tours
- Rentals
- Lessons
- Group clinics

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES
Seasonal self-guided scavenger hunts for kids, mountain biking and Youth Adventure Camps in summer.

ATTRACTIONS
Boulder Mountain Tour

GETTING THERE
Nearest airports:
- Friedman Memorial (SUN) in Hailey, 35 miles away
- Salt Lake City Int'l (SLC / KSLC) 320 miles away
- Magic Valley Regional (TWF / KTWF) 111 miles away

Galena Lodge
HC 64 - Box 8326
15187 State HWY 75
Ketchum, ID 83340

208-726-4010

info@galenalodge.com

www.galenalodge.com

Trail Fees
Adults $20, Youth Free (17 and under, pass required), dogs $5 (free on snowshoe trails)

Room Rates
$$

Galena Lodge

PHOTOS: GALENA LODGE

GALENA LODGE

Renowned Galena Lodge boasts over 50km of immaculately groomed trails, for both classic and skate skiers, that are maintained by the Blaine County Recreation District on U.S. Forest Service land through some of Idaho's finest woods and mountains.

Featuring 25km of snowshoe trails along with snowshoe tours, the community-owned log lodge, at a base elevation of 7,303 feet/2,226 metres, receives 135in/342cm of snow each winter.

Galena's "loaner dog" Rio is always up for snowshoe treks with new friends. Local dogs even have their own season passes.

The popular 30km Harriman Trail down to Ketchum is the route of the famed Boulder Mountain Tour, celebrating its 51st year. Near the lodge, the gentle Horse Creek Loop, more challenging Titus Creek Loop, and the well-named Psycho, bring visitors back for a hot lunch on the deck or inside the dining room.

Fresh foods made from scratch include the beloved "Grown Up Grilled Cheese," ginger sesame bowl, and meatloaf sandwich. Open daily, the lodge offers a full bar.

Don't miss Galena's Full Moon Dinners featured monthly. Watch as their dining room transitions into a white tablecloth affair, with festive four-course meals and communal seating. The lodge also caters to private events.

Four rustic yurts, located right on the Nordic trail system, can sleep up to eight and are equipped with wood stoves and a full kitchen set-up (propane stove, pots, pans, plates, etc.). You can even take a house-made Galena dinner to easily heat up in your yurt.

Galena's extensive rental fleet of skate and classic skis for kids and adults includes snowshoes, and they also offer private lessons and group clinics.

Only 23mi/37km north of Sun Valley Resort, Galena Lodge connects to over 200km of groomed Nordic trails in the Wood River Valley, delivering glorious winter sunshine for a vacation only Idaho can provide. *-JA*

Galena Lodge

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PHOTOS: BRECKENRIDGE NORDIC

BRECKENRIDGE NORDIC

Breckenridge Nordic is the cross-country ski and snowshoe epicentre of the Breckenridge, Colorado locale. Biggest, oldest, best sense of humour… it's fair to also call it "cutting edge" and "ahead of its time." It's a first-class operation, whether referring to equipment quality and variety or instruction and tours, commitment to environmental stewardship, snowmaking, grooming innovations… and the list goes on.

NORDIC CENTER

Just five minutes from downtown Breckenridge, with trails adjoining the alpine area, the Center was founded by Gene Dayton in 1969. He's seen the transition from wooden skis and wool knickers, human-powered and primitive snowmobile grooming, and dependence on natural snow to synthetic skis, foam snowshoes, elegant clothing, man-made snow, and grooming for both classic and skate techniques by Italian-made snowcats.

Breck Nordic is a full-service destination (everything but lodging on site, and that's virtually a snowball's throw away). The 10,000-square-foot "Oh, Be Joyful" Lodge offers retail, waxing, and a wide range of rental gear for everyone from kids to elite athletes, even pulks for pulling kiddies. There's also a restaurant, bar, and family lounge area with a large fireplace.

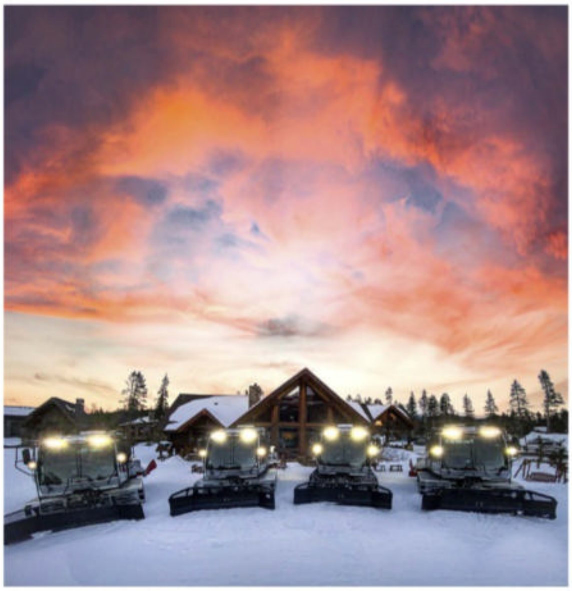
Gene is an interesting and affable guy with an unassuming manner and frequent smile. Originally from Northern Illinois, he went to Florida State University on a swimming scholarship. He first saw the Rockies in his late teens, was drawn to the mountains and moved to Colorado in 1967, at the age of 24. Two years later, Breckenridge Nordic emerged.

The 1,400-acre BNC merits a multi-day visit. The Lodge is at 9,800' and you go up from there, onto the White River National Forest lands with splendid views of the Ten Mile Range and Continental Divide. Trail and hut names give a feel for Gene's and wife Therese's sense of humour (moderate route "Gluteus Minimus" along with advanced "Gluteus Maximus") and religious devotion ("Hallelujah Hut" on the "upstairs" trail system).

The Legend Forest trail system features separately groomed routes for classic and skate skiing (18mi/30km), and snowshoeing trails (12mi/20km), along with three trailside cabins, and some dog-friendly routes. Advanced trails like "Shock Hill" and "Hang Ten" have to be skied in one direction, but the majority are two-way.

Breck Nordic is family-run. Son Josh (a two-time Junior National All-American) is the Center's Manager; son Matthew (a Nordic Combined Olympian) operates High Point Snowcat Tours on Peak 7, weekly by advanced booking. Daughter Ami has joined the family business as well and helps with Nordic events, teaching skiing and guiding snowshoe adventures. Gene is the Founding Director of the www.BOEC.com local adaptive ski program.

Breck Nordic is home to the only North American Demo Center featuring Prinoth Husky XC snowcats, designed by Ferrari with a Mercedes engine, for state-of-the-art grooming in all snow and winter weather conditions. These heated eight-passenger 'cats have full-view glass windows and comfortable leather seats, ingeniously combining eco-tours with grooming. It may be the only major XC area in North America where grooming during their Snowcat Adventure Tours actually covers their snowmaking and grooming costs. *-JW*



REGION

COLORADO,
U.S.A.

ACCOMMODATION
Comfortable lodging nearby including hotel/lodges, motels, B&Bs, condos

AMENITIES
Day lodge with soup & snack, Tavern bar, and lounge

DINING
On-site, the Black Forest Tavern Food and Beverage Bar

XC SKIING
- mid-Nov-mid-April
- 30km of XC ski trails, 20km of snowshoe trails
- On-site demos from Fischer, Atomic, Salomon and more
- Backcountry skiing in region
- Adaptive ski program
- Daily lessons

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES
Daily snowcat tours, Guided snowshoe adventures, Wildlife and bird watching

ATTRACTIONS
The Breckenridge Ski Resort offers downhill skiing, with endless backcountry skiing, ice skating, dog sledding, snowmobiling

GETTING THERE
Nearest airport:
- Denver Int'l Airport, 95 miles away; door-to-door shuttle

Breckenridge Nordic Center
9 Grandview Drive
POB 1776 Breckenridge, CO 80424

(970) 453-6855
BestNordicSki@gmail.com

www.breckenridgenordic.com

Trail Fees
$30 for adults for XC skiing and/or snowshoeing; kids 12 and under ski free; various senior and multi-day discounts

Room Rates
$$-$$$$

PHOTOS: JIM PAUSSA

ASPEN-SNOWMASS NORDIC TRAIL SYSTEM

As one of North America's most celebrated ski towns, Aspen, Colorado offers an unforgettable experience at the confluence of nature, culture and recreation. That renown has been reinforced by a vast, enormously popular, and free cross-country ski trail network. The Aspen-Snowmass Nordic Trail System offers over 90km of groomed routes, connecting the communities of Aspen, Snowmass Village, Basalt and tiny Woody Creek.

In 1984, Aspen native Craig Ward, U.S. XC Olympian and captain of the 1980 team at the Lake Placid Games, returned from racing in Europe with the vision of replicating what he'd found in Davos, Switzerland — a community-based Nordic network that would also be enjoyed by winter visitors.

Ward's vision has proven wildly successful and is often called "Aspen's Fifth Mountain" as a tourism magnet and service to the Roaring Fork Valley's residents. Among the things you'll find are a long season, Rockies powder, varied terrain, great grooming on mostly double-track trails, plus lots of skating and smiling faces.

Pitkin County Open Space and Trails funds Nordic skiing, which is operated by the City of Aspen and overseen by a volunteer board of Nordic enthusiasts, the non-profit Aspen Snowmass Nordic Council. There's a marvellous mix of partners in the project, ranging from the Aspen Valley Ski & Snowboard Club to public and private golf courses, and 20 or more generous private landowners.

This is the largest free municipal trail system in North America. The region originally had a series of small unconnected trail networks. Today, the combination of trail linkages and public transportation makes travel from point to point easy. There are also public parking areas accessing trails.

Aspen Cross Country Center at the Aspen Golf Club offers marvellous beginner terrain together with rentals and instruction. It's also home to the popular Red Mountain Grill with lunch, dinner and a full bar. Hickory House and Poppycock's Café are popular breakfast spots in Aspen. If you're craving baked goods, grab a pastry at the Louis Swiss Bakery.

The Aspen high school has its own groomed trail network. Local XC/biathlon Olympic skiers have included Simi Hamilton, Noah Hoffman, Hailey Swirbul, Craig Ward, John Callahan and Terry Morse.

Snowshoers are welcome everywhere, dogs and walkers on a couple of routes (ask about leash zones), while fat

biking is limited to the Rio Grande Trail and Marolt Open Space. Famous Owl Creek Trail connects Aspen and Snowmass through meadows and woodland, with a mix of easy and intermediate routes, and the infamous Terminator Trail.

Along with a wide range of luxurious accommodations, Aspen has reasonably priced, low-key options including Mountain Chalet, St. Moritz, Aspen Mountain Lodge and Limelight. Tyrolean Lodge, conveniently located on West Main Street, comes well recommended by cross-country skiers.

If you're not Nordic skiing, you can downhill (four major areas), fly fish, snowshoe, ice skate, balloon, paraglide, hike, or enjoy historic walking tours, sleigh rides and more XC at nearby Ashcroft Ski Touring. Indoors, there's music, museums, chocolatiers and much more. *-JW*

REGION

COLORADO,
U.S.A.

ACCOMMODATION
Great selection of lodging options to suit any budget

AMENITIES
Aspen Cross Country Center, shopping, galleries, museums, gyms, events, etc. in Aspen

DINING
Many restaurants and bars in the area

XC SKIING
- Late Nov.-March
- 90+km, primarily double-track and skating
- Backcountry skiing
- Rentals
- Lessons
- Guides
- Dogs ok on some trails

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES
Downhill skiing, snow-boarding, snowshoeing, guided tours, tubing, ice skating, sleigh rides, dog sledding, snowmobiling, hot air ballooning, paragliding, horseback riding, gondola rides, fly fishing and much more

ATTRACTIONS
Maroon Bells, Glenwood Hot Springs, Aspen Historical Society, John Denver Sanctuary, Aspen Art Museum, Wheeler Opera House, Aspen Mountain Gondola

GETTING THERE
Nearest airport:
- Aspen/Pitkin County Airport (ASC)
- Aspen is 220 miles, 3.5 hours to Denver

Aspen Cross Country Center
39551 W. Hwy 82
Aspen, Colorado 81611

(970) 925-2145

axcc@utemountaineer.com

www.aspennordic.com
www.aspenchamber.org

Room Rates
$$-$$$$

MOUNTAIN STA

Trailblazing Nordic Ski Tra

In the breathtaking but challenging environs of the Rocky Mountains, Mountain States Snowcats [MSSC] has been the standard bearer of excellence for trail-building and grooming, for more than 20 years. Servicing Colorado and Wyoming, this esteemed company has carved its legacy through their dedication to meticulously maintained trails. With the largest fleet of snowcats in North America and equally impressive fleet of earth work machinery, MSSC provides industrial-scale excavation, snow and forestry management in the Rockies.

Mastery in Grooming and Trail-Making

MSSC is renowned for its expertise transforming rugged terrains into pristine trails. Utilizing snowcats, masticators and environmentally conscious operations, they ensure each trail is expertly shaped to offer skiers the perfect balance of safety and thrill. Their innovative approach extends beyond simple grooming; it's about creating an ideal skiing environment that reflects their expertise and passion for the sport.

A Leadville Legacy

While based in Winter Park, CO, MSSC also has a storied history in Leadville, CO—one of the region's most picturesque and vibrant Nordic Ski communities. Adam Ducharme, Leadville's Tourism & Economic Development Director, highlights their past partnership, saying: "We're known for getting the earliest snow in the U.S., and many locals as well as regional skiers take advantage to extend their season. We're a small community that celebrates Nordic ski culture and wants to ensure access and a consistent experience for our community. Especially since adopting Nordic Pulse's daily trail condition reports, Mountain States Snowcats takes the guesswork out of whether our product will meet the high standard of our passionate skiers." Leadville's one-of-a-kind winter experiences attract adventurers from all over.

Leadville Highlights

- Ski the Mineral Belt Trail – Spanning 12.5 miles, this trail offers groomed glory with spectacular mountain views and historic mining relics, immersing skiers in the region's rich history.
- Leadville Loppet – Held in Late February.. Celebrating its 23rd year, the Loppet Nordic Ski Races is a popular fundraiser and certified qualifying event for the renowned Birkie, drawing competitive and recreational skiers.
- Tennessee Pass Nordic Center – Spend your day skiing amidst stunning mountain scenery, then cozy up by the fire or stay overnight in a backcountry yurt, experiencing a true winter retreat.
- Fat Bike World Championships – Held January 23rd-25th, this event brings biking enthusiasts to enjoy the winter trails, adding to Leadville's reputation as a premier winter sports destination.
- Leadville Ski Joring – March 7-8th. A hugely popular event on Leadville's main drag; Harrison Avenue. Frequently featured on ESPN, this event has been going on since 1949, and is one of the premier events of its kind in the country.

A Pillar of the Nordic Community

MSSC is more than just a grooming company; it is a vital part of the skiing community. Their legacy in Colorado and beyond, bringing expertise and mountain experience to excavation and snow management, have made them trusted custodians of the region's landscape. Through craftsmanship, passion, and community spirit, they have delivered countless memorable skiing experiences. For those lucky enough to traverse trails groomed by Mountain States Snowcats, it's not just about the sport — it's about being part of a proud tradition of excellence and natural beauty.

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REGION
MONTANA,
U.S.A.

ACCOMMODATION
Main Lodge sleeps 12, Guest Lodge has 9 queen rooms and a double bunk room with private entrances and bathrooms. Entire estate sleeps up to 34.

AMENITIES
Ski shop equipment rentals, game room, bar, TV, theatre & meeting room in the Event Lodge, fully stocked chef's kitchen available for rent.

DINING
Restaurant and full bar on site serves locally sourced meats, wood-fired pizza, local draft beer, wine and cocktails.

XC SKIING
- mid-Dec to March
- 34km of groomed trails for skate and classic skiing
- all trails dog-friendly

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES
Snowshoeing, fatbiking, backcountry skiing, dogsledding nearby

ATTRACTIONS
Glacier National Park, charming town of Whitefish

GETTING THERE
Nearest airport: Glacier Park Int'l at Kalispell, 25 miles.

Dog Creek Lodge
8775 U.S. Hwy 93 N
P.O. Box 59, Olney MT 59927

406-881-2071

dogcreeklodgemt@gmail.com

www.dogcreeklodge.com

Trail Fees
Trails are free for overnight guests. For day visitors, adults 18+ $22; youngsters 12-17 $12; children 11 and under free.

Room Rates
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PHOTOS: COURTESY OF DOG CREEK LODGE

DOG CREEK LODGE

For a delightful full-service Nordic ski destination, Dog Creek Lodge is tucked away in a spectacular and remote northwest corner of Montana.

Set on 80 pristine acres surrounded by public land, there are approximately 34km of groomed dog-friendly trails for skate and classic skiing on varied terrain featuring lake loops, mountain climbs, meadows, and old growth forest.

The skiing is especially friendly for beginners and intermediates, although there's some challenging terrain as well. Groomed daily with a PistenBully 100 snowcat and a YTS Ginzugroomer, every trail offers a skate lane, while easier routes — roughly 2/3 of the network — offer a mix of single and double track.

The Main Lodge welcomes up to 12 guests and features a fully stocked chef's kitchen that's also available for rent. Along with an adjoining Guest Lodge, the entire estate can accommodate up to 34 overnight visitors for special gatherings such as weddings, reunions or special events.

Refuel after a day on the trails at the on-site restaurant and bar that features organic greens grown on site, along with locally sourced meats and wood-fired pizza. Local draft beer, wine and cocktails are also available.

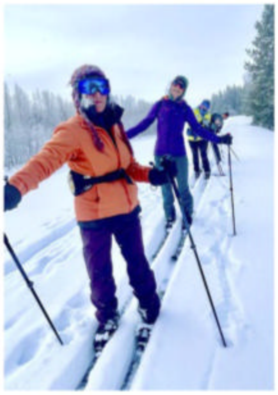
The season typically runs from mid-Dec through mid-March, and day skiers are welcome while overnight guests enjoy free access to the trail network. Their rental fleet includes waxless classic skis, skate skis, snowshoes and fat bikes.

Close to dogsledding, snowmobiling and downhill skiing, Dog Creek Lodge is only 30 minutes from Whitefish and the greater Flathead Valley for shopping and other activities. *-JW*

PHOTOS: JACKSON HOLE NORDIC ALLIANCE

JACKSON HOLE NORDIC SKI TRAILS

Fueled by passionate Nordic skiers and epic mountain views, Jackson Hole, Wyoming and Teton Valley, Idaho are home to 450km of groomed trails for skate and classic skiing, along with 640km of ungroomed trails for all levels of cross-country ski adventures.



Ski the groomed park road below the iconic Teton Range, tour the hot springs for a soak, explore Bridger-Teton and Caribou-Targhee National Forests, or start your season early with high elevation snow at Grand Targhee.

There are free and paid trail systems, on- and off-trail options, and skiers can find freshly groomed trails every day. Spring crust cruising in Grand Teton National Park is a local favourite. There are galleries, museums, and plenty of entertainment if your ski legs need a break.

Accommodations range from rustic guest ranches to B&Bs, quaint ski village inns to elegant hotels, plus ample rentals. From great coffee and local bakeries to sushi, street food, breweries and cowboy bars, farm-to-table to upscale dining, there are delicious pre- and post-ski options, no matter where you ski each day.

The JH Nordic Alliance, a community non-profit, is a collaboration of enthusiasts, organizations, businesses, and public land agencies helping people get out on the trails and promoting stewardship to maintain this special place. Visit their website for grooming updates on all the trail systems, GPS trail maps with directions, and info on local resources (gear, rentals, lessons, tours, events, etc.). You can also subscribe to the daily trail report for weather, grooming, the latest conditions, and current events.

Join the JH Nordic Alliance at Turpin Meadow Ranch on January 11, 2026 for the annual free ski, fat bike and snowshoe day — a celebration of Nordic skiing, winter trails, community and public lands in a beautiful historic ranch setting.

Together, Jackson Hole and Teton Valley have something for everyone, on skis or off. - *JC*

REGION

WYOMING/IDAHO
U.S.A.

ACCOMMODATION
Great options from house exchanges to luxury hotels. Stay in Jackson, Wilson, Teton Village, Moran, Alta & Grand Targhee, WY or Driggs & Victor, ID.

AMENITIES
JH Nordic Alliance provides comprehensive info on trails and grooming, events and resources on both sides of the Tetons.

DINING
From morning baked goods to local breweries, grab and go to fine dining, each town has great offerings.

XC SKIING

- Late Nov. to April
- 450km of groomed trails
- 640+km of untracked trails
- 40+ fat bike trails
- Spring crust cruising
- Dog-friendly and dog-free trails
- Lessons
- Rentals
- Tours

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES
Downhill and backcountry skiing, snowshoeing, fat biking

ATTRACTIONS
Grand Teton National Park, Granite Hot Springs, annual free ski, fat bike & snowshoe day at Turpin Meadow Ranch.

GETTING THERE
Nearest airports: Jackson Hole (JAC) and Idaho Falls Regional (IDA) are the two closest airports.

Jackson Hole Nordic Alliance
Wilson, WY

307-739-6399

hello@jhnordic.com
www.JHNordic.com

Trail Fees
From free/pay as you can to $40/day.

Room Rates
$$-$$$$

PHOTOS: GOLDEN EAGLE LODGE

GOLDEN EAGLE LODGE

Golden Eagle Lodge's motto is "Unspoiled and unforgettable" for good reason. Set right on pristine, serene Flour Lake in the Superior National Forest of Northeastern Minnesota, it's a low-key year-round resort owned and operated by the third generation of the Baumann family, who offer you Midwestern hospitality at its best.

Located on the famous 70km Central Gunflint Ski Trail system, this is prime, beautiful Midwestern cross-country skiing, flowing over glacially sculpted terrain through pine, birch, balsam, aspen, and along lake shores. There's no altitude acclimation, as the highest point is around 2,000'. This doesn't mean there's only flat skiing, as some trails have elevation changes of a couple hundred feet.

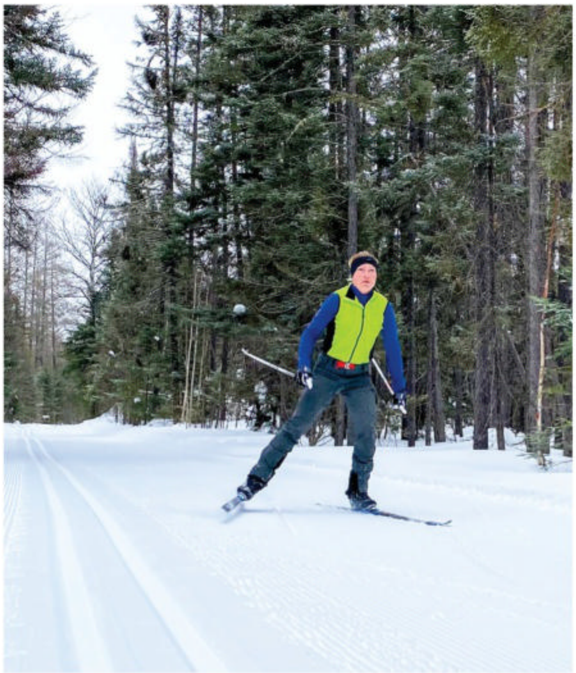
Golden Eagle Lodge's trail groomer offers the latest and greatest in available technology. Their 2023 Pisten Bully 100 features VarioTrackDesigner tracksetters – new technology for the United States – that adds an additional snow tiller in front of the track setter for an even smoother track set. Grooming typically occurs at night so a firm, well set trail base is ready for skiers by the morning.

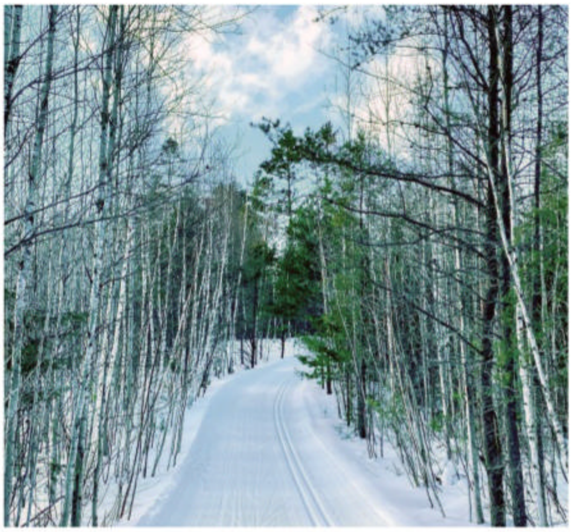
These trails were designed specifically for skiing, as the Lodge opened in 1980 for silent sports. There is a good mixture of one-way and two-way trails, and all are groomed with a single track and skate lane.

There's plenty of skiing for beginners and intermediates — roughly 75% of the trail system — plus several trails to provide a challenge for more accomplished skiers.

Golden Eagle also welcomes snowshoers on their large network of dedicated snowshoe trails. These trails are open to day skiers as well as overnight guests.

You can rent top-of-the-line ski and snowshoe gear in the Lodge, and instruction is also available.





JONATHAN BAUMANN

The network has five Adirondack-style huts for shelter, fun and rendezvous points. There's also a heated wax room.

All the handsome lakeside and trailside cabins are drive-in/ski from your cabin door, all are smoke-free, approximately half welcome dogs, two are barrier-free, and all feature full kitchens, bathrooms and fireplaces. There's no TV at the resort, but you can get high-speed Wi-Fi in every cabin and at the Lodge, where there's also a private-use sauna.

Located 30 miles from the nearest town, Grand Marais, it's smart to get groceries and beverages there on the way to Golden Eagle, since guests customarily do their own cooking. Dining out is also an option, as there are several restaurants just minutes away, while there are more eateries in town.

Enjoy spectacular night skiing on the Wolf Point loop, which has 1.5km of LED-lit lantern lights, or take in some stargazing and the fantastic Northern Lights. If the moon is full, you don't even need the lights!

You can enjoy ice fishing on Flour Lake, right in front of your cabin, as well as dog sledding at a couple other nearby locations. Wildlife lovers may see — or see tracks of — pine marten, fox, moose, bear, wolf, plus smaller critters and a variety of birds.

Located a mere two miles from the edge of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCA), summer adventures also begin right at your doorstep, as the lodge offers excellent fishing, hiking and canoeing.

Out-of-state guests often fly into Duluth and rent a car for the 140-mile drive north. It's a delightful and dramatic transition from home to small city, with stunning views along icy Lake Superior, and finally diving into the boreal forest that's home to Golden Eagle Lodge. *-JW*

REGION

MINNESOTA, U.S.A.

ACCOMMODATION

11 two- and three-bedroom cabins with full kitchens and baths, gas & wood-burning fireplace options; two barrier-free cabins; all smoke-free

AMENITIES

Free Wi-Fi in Lodge and each cabin, sauna, whirlpool tubs in some cabins, heated wax room.

DINING

Nearest restaurant 5.6km/3.5 miles; craft breweries in Grand Marais

XC SKIING

- Dec. to end of Mar.
- 70km, primarily shared classic/skating on site
- One skijoring trail
- Easy to difficult
- Annual snowfall 100"
- Elevation 1,704' – 1,946'
- 1.5km lighted trails
- Backcountry skiing
- Rentals available, including snowshoes
- Lessons available by reservation
- Dogs welcome in some cabins and on dedicated snowshoe trails

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Snowshoeing, ice fishing on Flour Lake, dogsled rides nearby, Northern Lights, animal watching

ATTRACTIONS

Additional XC skiing within a half hour, dogsledding nearby

GETTING THERE

Nearest airports:
- Duluth Int'l (DLH) 140mi/235km
- Thunder Bay Int'l (YQT)130mi/168km

Golden Eagle Lodge
468 Clearwater Road,
Grand Marais, MN 55604

218-388-2203

info@golden-eagle.com,
www.golden-eagle.com

Room Rates
$$$

HAYWARD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

REGION

WISCONSIN,
U.S.A.

ACCOMMODATION
Many lodging options in Hayward

AMENITIES
Boutiques, shopping, events, attractions, local ski shops and much more in Hayward

DINING
Wide range of dining and eateries in the region

XC SKIING
- Late Nov. to March
- Over 200km of groomed trails
- World-famous 50km American Birkebeiner trail
- 8 warming huts on American Birkie trail
- 70 miles of fat biking trails
- Night skiing
- Rentals
- Lessons
- Guides
- Dogs allowed on select trails

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES
Ice fishing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, mountain biking, road and gravel biking, fishing, boating

ATTRACTIONS
Hayward's Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame, historic Main Street Hayward, wineries, museums, petting zoo

GETTING THERE
Nearest airport: Duluth Int'l Airport (DLH) 80 miles away; Minneapolis–Saint Paul Int'l Airport (MSP) 140 miles away

Hayward Area Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 726
15805 US Hwy 63
Hayward, WI, USA 54843

715-634-8662

info@haywardareachamber.com
www.haywardareachamber.com

Room Rates
$$-$$$$

HAYWARD, WISCONSIN

Boasting a vibrant Nordic ski scene, Hayward, Wisconsin entices cross-country skiers to its Northwoods region to enjoy 200km of expertly groomed trails along with the world-famous 50km American Birkebeiner.

The legendary Birkie, the largest cross-country ski race in North America, draws over 10,000 XC skiers each winter, who race from the American Birkebeiner Trailhead in Cable to the spectacular finish on snow-covered Main Street in Hayward.

Illuminated trails offer excellent night skiing, and warming shelters are common on the trail systems, including eight warming huts on the world-class American Birkebeiner ski trail alone.

For an added winter bonus, 70 miles of Hayward's singletrack trails are groomed for fat biking adventures. The area features numerous other great trail networks, along with more intimate experiences on narrow, classic-only trails as well. Other winter activities include ice fishing, snowshoeing and snowmobiling.

You'll find plenty of lodging options in Hayward, along with dining, eateries, boutiques, shopping and attractions. Great local ski shops offer sales and service.

During the summer, cycling features 135+ miles of mountain-bike singletrack, 200 miles of mapped gravel biking routes, and incredible road biking.

With hundreds of lakes, fishing and boating are local favorites. Other highlights include the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame with its 143-foot musky, Scheer's Lumberjack Village, extensive trails for nearly every user group, and historic Main Street Hayward.

With an average annual snowfall of around 60 inches, the winter season in the Hayward area is truly magical and ready to deliver memories of a lifetime. *-JA*

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SCOTTS COBBLE NORDIC CENTER

LOVE THE HOME TOWN HILL AND TRAILS

We're excited as we begin our fourth season at Scotts Cobble Ski Area and are looking forward to serving the Lake Placid cross-country skiing community once again this winter.

Enjoy our 20km network that includes a 10km lit trail, a 5km Jack Rabbit Trail connection to the village, and a heated ski lodge with restrooms, lockers and showers.

The ski lodge's upper level offers a café and full restaurant with epic views (based on availability). It's now open year-round and available to host gatherings of any kind including weddings, reunions, conferences etc.

New this season are regional backcountry opportunities at Beacon Park as part of BCA (Backcountry Access), including introductions to backcountry ski trips.

Plus, there's a ski shop that offers lessons, tours, wax room, ski school, waxing clinics, and a rental centre for cross-country skis, snowshoes, fat bikes, sleds, backcountry skis and alpine touring/telemark gear for the adjacent Scotts Cobble Hill that features gladed downhill runs.

The Center has added another Ski-doo Skandic 900 to its fleet that includes two groomers, two rollers and now two snowmobiles to continue to deliver top-level skating and classic trails on its 20km network.

Don't miss the Adirondack Tour de Ski, running from December to March. This exciting 6-event stage race includes Scotts Cobble where you can test your mettle in 1km sprint to 30 km marathon citizen races.

At the Demo Center for Fischer, Rossignol, Salomon, Atomic, Swix and Dynafit, the professional staff also offer programs in alpine touring and backcountry skiing.

Don't miss their cross-country ski and fatbike demo days, ski bonfires, full moon ski celebrations and after-school ski programs.

Founded in 1938, the Scotts Cobble Ski Area was launched for the local Lake Placid ski community, and thousands of residents and students have learned to ski at the centre.

After 50 years of being closed, High Peaks Cyclery, run by the Delaney family, re-opened the Scotts Cobble Nordic Center three seasons ago to continue the long-standing and historic Nordic ski tradition in Lake Placid.

The new Scotts Cobble Nordic Center is free for local residents and according to Brian Delaney, "You have to love your 'Home Town Hill' and trails." - *JC*

REGION

LAKE PLACID,
NEW YORK,
U.S.A.

ACCOMMODATION
Base Camp lodging including groups at High Peaks Cyclery, along with many other options in Lake Placid

AMENITIES
Large retail/rental ski shop for XC skis, snowshoes, fat bikes, sleds, backcountry skis, and alpine touring/telemark gear. Wax room, ski school, waxing clinics, Demo Center for Fischer, Rossignol, Salomon, Swix, Dynafit

DINING
Full restaurant at ski lodge on upper level

XC SKIING
- Late Nov.-March
- Over 20km of groomed trails for skating and classic (set tracked) skiing
- 10km lit trail network
- Jack Rabbit Trail
- Rentals
- Lessons
- Tours

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES
Snowshoeing, fat biking, alpine touring, backcountry skiing, full moon ski parties

ATTRACTIONS
Lake Placid Olympic Museum, Jan. 4-9 US Cross-Country Nationals, Feb. 26-Mar. 1, Mar. 4-8 IBU Cup Biathlon, Mar. 19-27 Coop FIS Cross-Country World Cup Finals

GETTING THERE
Nearest airport: Adirondack Regional (SLK/KSLK) 20 min away.

Scotts Cobble Nordic Center
c/o High Peaks Cyclery
2733 Main St, Lake Placid,
NY 12946

518-523-3764

mail@highpeakscyclery.com
www.highpeakscyclery.com
www.scottscobblenordic.com

Trail Fees
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AMENITIES
Peaks Pub with crackling fireplace, XC ski shop, games room, sleigh rides, outdoor hot tub

DINING
Inn's dining room offers delicious American cuisine, draft beer.

XC SKIING
- 19 miles/30km of groomed trails
- Most routes are single-track
- 10 miles/16km of snowshoeing trails
- 10 miles/16km of groomed trails for fat biking
- Lessons

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES
- Ice skating
- Snow tubing
- Alpine and backcountry skiing nearby
- Horse-drawn sleigh rides

ATTRACTIONS
- White Mountains
- Cannon Mountain
- The Rocks Christmas Tree Farm
- Franconia Notch State Park

GETTING THERE
Nearest airports:
- Manchester Regional (MHT), 100 miles away
- Boston Logan Int'l (BOS), 147 miles away

Franconia Inn
1172 Easton Rd,
Franconia, New Hampshire, USA 03580

603-823-5542
reservations@franconiainn.com
www.franconiainn.com

Trail Fees
Trail use is included with your stay

Room Rates
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FRANCONIA INN

New Hampshire's historic Franconia Inn, situated on 65 acres in the picturesque White Mountains, offers views, brews, and fabulous trails, along with reliable snow that piles up to an average of 79 inches/200cm annually.

With a 30km network of groomed trails from beginner to advanced, most routes are single-track for a one-of-a-kind XC ski experience, and feature forests and rivers, including breathtaking views of Mount Lafayette, Franconia Notch, and the Kinsman Mountain Range.

Snowshoers have their own routes for outdoor exploring, as do fat bike riders who can enjoy 10 miles/16km of groomed trails.

Franconia's on-site ski shop offers new rental equipment for classic skiing, along with snowshoes, ice skates, and fat bikes as well. Ski lessons are also offered at the Inn's ski shop.

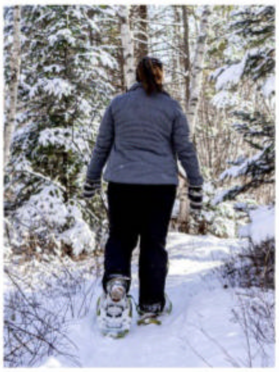
Other winter activities include ice skating, tubing, and horse-drawn sleigh rides pulled by a Belgian draft horse.

After frosty activities, relax in one of the Inn's 34 cozy rooms, sans TV, with private baths that are individually decorated New England–style, and vary in size. There are also a variety of suites and a private cottage for larger groups.

After a big day on the trails, enjoy a craft cocktail and a bite to eat in front of Peaks Pub's crackling fireplace while the kids play in the game room.

The Inn's dining room offers delicious American cuisine and views of the sun setting on the White Mountains.

The charming Franconia Inn is also close to more great cross-country skiing at Bretton Woods and the Jackson Ski Touring Foundation Nordic Ski Area, along with alpine skiing at Cannon Mountain, only five miles away.



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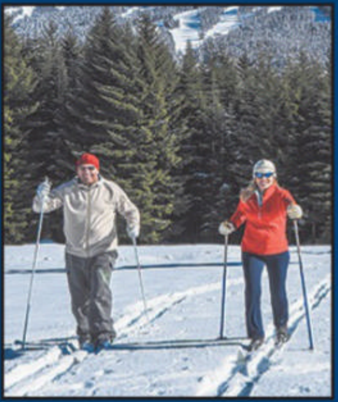

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THE CATAMOUNT TRAIL

The Catamount Trail, the longest backcountry ski trail in North America, recently celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2024. Managed by a Vermont non-profit organization, the Catamount Trail Association (CTA), the 317-mile-long route may even be the longest trail of its kind in the world.

The Catamount Trail was created by three young men seeking their next big adventure. In a tent on a rainy evening in August 1982, someone said, “Let’s ski from Massachusetts to Quebec!” Over the following two years, they got to work by developing a winter ski route that ran the length of Vermont. Then in March of 1984, Steve Bushey, Ben Rose, Paul Jarris, and for part of the time, Jim Painter, strapped on their skis and went for a ski — a really long ski!

Running the full length of Vermont through the Green Mountains, the trail travels from the Massachusetts border in the south to the Canadian border in the north; the route passes through both public (46%) and private (54%) lands, and it’s divided into 31 sections.

Most trail users find the route is best skied with XCD or BCXC gear, and a knowledge of backcountry touring and route-finding is essential for navigating the trail during the winter. The CTA provides single-day and multi-day guided tours — a great way to experience different trail sections or backcountry zones with knowledgeable tour leaders, most of whom are Catamount Trail Chiefs who steward sections of the trail.

Most people experience the Catamount Trail via day trips on sections, but it is also possible to ski the route from inn to inn on some stretches, to stay at Vermont Huts locations, or to winter camp along the way. Many Vermont inns and Nordic ski centers are connected with the legendary trail network.

A growing number of adventuresome skiers make it a goal to complete the entire length of the Catamount Trail from Massachusetts to Canada. Since 1984, 118 people have become End-to-Enders, with a handful completing it more than once! The current fastest-known time for skiing the entire trail was recently set in 2024 by Chris Burnham, who skied from south to north in 6 days, 10 hours, and 31 minutes.

In 2013, a chapter program was created to facilitate the development and maintenance of downhill-oriented ski areas for activities such as alpine touring, telemark skiing, and splitboarding.

The new program helped expand backcountry skiing opportunities in Vermont, and it led to the creation of the

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Catamount X-C Ski Trail

Vermont Backcountry Ski Handbook, a first-of-its-kind resource.

The CTA hosts free learn-to-ski Youth Programs across the state of Vermont and provides over 2,000 students each year, primarily from underserved communities, with the opportunity to experience a season of winter recreation through cross-country skiing. Additional youth and adult programs are also available to get more people out skiing and riding through the CTA's Community Ski Programs.

While over 50% of the trail crosses private land, 79% of the trail has been protected through conservation easements and/or public land acquisitions. The CTA continues its work to protect an additional 21% of the trail that is privately held. The Catamount Trail Association has become a model for other grassroots ski organizations across North America. But ultimately, the Catamount Trail is all about sharing winter adventures with friends, old and new.

REGION

VERMONT,
U.S.A.

ACCOMMODATION
Comfortable lodging options include inns and resorts, along with hut options on certain sections of the trail.

AMENITIES
Learn-to-Ski Programs, Guided Tours, Community Events

DINING
Best to bring snacks and water; some inns and ski centres offer options along the route.

XC SKIING
- Mid-Nov-mid-April
- 317 miles/510km of XC ski trails
- 31 single-day ski sections
- Inn-to-inn / hut-to-hut options
- Winter camping is allowed on much of the trail

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES
Alpine touring, telemark skiing, splitboarding.

ATTRACTIONS
Vermont Backcountry Forum, Race to The Top Of Vermont, Green Mountain Skimo Series, CTA Intro to Backcountry Clinics

GETTING THERE
Nearest airport:
- Burlington Int'l (BTV)

Catamount Trail Association
831 Mill Brook Road
Waitsfield, VT 05673

(802) 864-5794
info@catamounttrail.org

www.catamounttrail.org

Trail Fees
Fees may apply at ski centres along the Catamount Trail. Bring your CTA membership card/coupon book to take advantage of any discounts available.

Room Rates
$$-$$$$

PHOTOS: MARK MACKAY & JUSTA JESKOVA

WHISTLER, B.C.

Whistler is a paradise for Nordic sports where pristine mountain wilderness meets Olympic-level trails. Boasting an extensive network of over 160km of trails for all ability levels, there's plenty of variety along with world-class facilities easily accessible from the vibrant Whistler Village.

Only steps from Whistler Village, venture into a winter wonderland at Lost Lake Nordic Trails. Explore 25km of pristinely groomed trails suitable for all ages and abilities, plus 15km of dedicated snowshoe paths, or enjoy 4km of illuminated trails — the only night skiing near Whistler Village.

Rentals and lessons are available at Lost Lake PassivHaus, where you can also relax at the Cross Country Connection Café and Day Lodge with a hot chocolate, or recharge at the nearby lakeside warming hut.

Whistler Olympic Park, site of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games, offers 55km of expertly groomed cross country ski trails for all abilities, 15km of snowshoe trails, and a network of dog-friendly trails.

Enjoy ski lessons and tours that cater to beginners or experts, including an introduction to biathlon. The fully equipped Day Lodge offers rentals, a retail shop and a fully licensed café. Guests can also enjoy night skiing on lit trails and a special Neverland Starlight Loop on selected evenings.

Nearby The Callaghan offers the charm of traditional ski centre culture along with unique backcountry Journeyman Lodge, the only one of its kind in Whistler.

The beautifully groomed 40km Solitude Valley trails are accessed via Mainline, an 8km uphill route that's challenging. Enjoy snowshoeing, ski touring or exercising the dog, and at the end of your day, cozy up to the trailside bonfire.

Onsite services include equipment rentals, tours, all-inclusive packages and a snowcat shuttle.

REGION
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

ACCOMMODATION
Many lodging options in Whistler Village.

AMENITIES
Olympic Legacy Venue, lakeside warming hut, many options in Whistler Village.

DINING
Cross Country Connection Café at Lost Lake Nordic Trails, Whistler Olympic Park Day Lodge, plus fine-dining restaurants and après bars in Whistler Village.

XC SKIING
- mid-Nov to mid-April
- A wide network of trails for all levels
- rentals and lessons

Lost Lake Nordic Trails
- 25km of groomed trails
- 4km night skiing
- 15km of snowshoe trails

Whistler Olympic Park
- 55km of expertly groomed ski trails
- 15km of wilderness snowshoe trails
- wide network of dog-friendly ski trails
- 5km of lit trails & special Starlight Loop
- Nordic ski & biathlon lessons

The Callaghan
- 8km Mainline uphill route
- 40km of groomed trails at Solitude Valley

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES
Alpine skiing, biathlon, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, ice skating and heli-sightseeing

ATTRACTIONS
Venue for Nordic events at 2010 Winter Games

GETTING THERE
Nearest airport:
- Vancouver Int'l (YVR), 135km away; Whistler airport shuttle 2 hours

Trail Fees
Check online at www.whistler.com/Nordic
1-800-944-7853

Room Rates
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Nestled in the Spray Valley Provincial Park within the Kananaskis Mountains, Mount Engadine Lodge is situated in one of the most scenic parts of Canada.

Built in 1987, the Lodge sits on the edge of a mountain meadow valley which was part of the bid for the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics.

Peaks surround the lodge from every direction, and one peak is Engadine Mountain, where the lodge got its name.

NICK FITZHARDINGE

An award-winning, year-round resort, the Lodge offers a rustic feel and the fine amenities associated with a true back-country resort. When the snow flies, Engadine Lodge becomes the perfect place to cross-country ski and explore the mountain meadows and trails.

Their expanded gear rental options include fat tire e-bikes and snowshoes, which are also a great way to get out and explore what the provincial park has to offer.

All meals are included with your stay at Mount Engadine Lodge. A two-course breakfast awaits all overnight lodge guests, and the Lodge also provides a packed lunch to take on your cross-country ski or snowshoe adventures.

You will want to make sure you get back in time for afternoon tea service featuring daily baked goodies, fresh fruit, local meats and refined cheeses, offered to help you refuel after a day of adventure.

Dinner is a multi-course gourmet affair and a unique dining experience with local ingredients, seasonal vegetables and delicious desserts to top off the day.

The rooms vary from cozy and comfortable options in the main lodge with views that overlook the meadow and mountains, to pet-friendly cabins with balconies for larger groups, and even five luxury glamping tents for year-round use with full ensuite bathrooms and private decks.

You can also book a yurt for a truly unique experience. All rooms look down on the valley and offer spectacular views. Keep in mind that there are only 14 rooms overall, and things can book up fast.

For those looking for even more cross-country ski adventures, the Lodge isn't far from the Mount Shark Cross Country Ski's 15km network of out-and-back groomed ski trails on rolling terrain with spectacular views.

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The Rummel Lake trailhead, which is across the road from Mount Engadine Lodge, offers a 10.3km route that gradually climbs for 2km and then loops around the lake back to the start.

A mere 46km to the north, the Canmore Nordic Centre offers a multitude of world-class trails.

The Lodge can also arrange a true northern-style high-speed dog sledding course. For the ultimate Kananaskis experience, nearby Alpine Helicopters offers an indescribable view of the mountains and wilderness.

In summer, the meadow is filled with wildflowers. Guests can make use of the vast trail system on site and surrounding area for mountain biking and hiking.

Mount Engadine Lodge is a destination that offers amazing views, comfort and dining that is best in its class. For a back-to-nature, relaxing and exhilarating experience, you'll take home memories that will last a lifetime. *-CR*

REGION
ALBERTA,
CANADA

ACCOMMODATION
15 comfortable rooms with six in main lodge; three pet-friendly cabins with balconies for larger groups; five luxury glamping tents with full ensuite bathrooms, private decks and a yurt

AMENITIES
Free Wi-Fi in main lodge, pets OK in many rooms (fee applies), mountain views, private balconies, yoga retreats

DINING
All-inclusive multi-course gourmet dinner, afternoon tea service with daily baked goodies, fresh fruit, local meats & refined cheeses, packed lunches for pick-up, Sunday brunch

XC SKIING
- Late Nov. to April
- XC ski trails on site
- 15km at Mount Shark Cross Country Ski
- 10.3km at Rummel Lake trailhead
- Rent XC ski packages for $30/day
- Lessons
- Guides

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES
High-speed dog sledding, fat biking, snowshoeing

ATTRACTIONS
Alpine Helicopters, Canmore Nordic Centre

GETTING THERE
Nearest airport: Calgary (YYC) 158km away, 36km south of Canmore, 62.5km to Banff

Mount Engadine Lodge
1 Mount Shark Rd,
Canmore, AB T1W 0B9

587-807-0570

mountengadine@castleavery.ca
www.mountengadine.com

Room Rates
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REGION
YUKON, CANADA

ACCOMMODATION
Variety of great lodging options in Whitehorse.

AMENITIES
Waxing benches, change rooms, showers, sauna, hot wax room, small shop for XC ski and snowshoe rentals, repairs, waxes, clothing, accessories

DINING
Many restaurants and eateries in Whitehorse.

XC SKIING
- Mid-Nov. to mid-Apr.
- Nearly 100km of trails groomed for classic & skate skiing
- Trails are minutes from Whitehorse & accessible by city bus
- Three warming huts
- Lessons
- Rentals

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES
Snowshoeing, fat biking, kick sledding, curling, dog sledding, cultural experiences, hot springs nearby

ATTRACTIONS
Northern lights, Yukon Ski Marathon, trail passes and packages with accommodation via AirNorth Getaway.

GETTING THERE
Nearest airport:
- Erik Nielsen Whitehorse Int'l (YXY) 4.3km away

Whitehorse Nordic Centre
200 Sumanik Dr, Whitehorse, YT Y1A 6J6

(867) 668-4477
office@whitehorsenordic.ca

www.whitehorsenordiccentre.ca

Trail Fees
Adult (30-64) $16.68, Senior (65-79) $12, Young Adult (19-29) $8.83, Student (full-time) $8.83, Youth (7-18) $8.83, Child (6 & under) Free, Old Child (80+) Free, Family (4 & more) $39.24, Multi-day passes also available

Room Rates
$-$$$

PHOTOS: WHITEHORSE NORDIC CENTRE

WHITEHORSE NORDIC CENTRE

Featuring close to 100km of trails that are groomed for classic and skate skiing, with routes that range from easy loops to more challenging terrain, the Whitehorse Nordic Centre is a hub of activity and an attractive cross-country ski destination.

Just minutes from downtown Whitehorse, the capital city of the Yukon Territory, the Centre is even accessible by local city bus — truly unique in the world of cross-country skiing.

Winter runs deep here, serving up five months of cross-country skiing, from mid-November to mid-April. Open weekdays until 8pm (and 6pm on weekends), there's a good chance of seeing the northern lights.

The trails host a diverse range of skiers, including some of Canada's top Nordic athletes. The variety of terrain, featuring forest and mountain views, meets the needs of skiers of all levels. There are three warming huts along the trails for breaks or lunch.

The centre is home to 2,400 members, the largest membership in Canada in 24/25, and indoor amenities feature waxing benches, change rooms, showers, sauna, and hot wax room.

The centre offers ski and snowshoe rentals, repairs, and at the small shop you can access waxes, clothing, boot accessories, and hot beverages. New this year, trail passes are also available through AirNorth Getaways, the Yukon's airline, which offers packages with flights, accommodations, and ski passes.

Popular family-friendly weekly events include the Easy Like Sunday at Harvey's Hut which comes with warm beverages and homemade snacks.

Another local favourite event that caters to more serious enthusiasts is the Yukon Ski Marathon being held on March 21, 2026.

In 2025 the Whitehorse Nordic Centre hosted the prestigious Bill Gairdner Masters National Championships that welcomed skiers from across Canada. - *SM*

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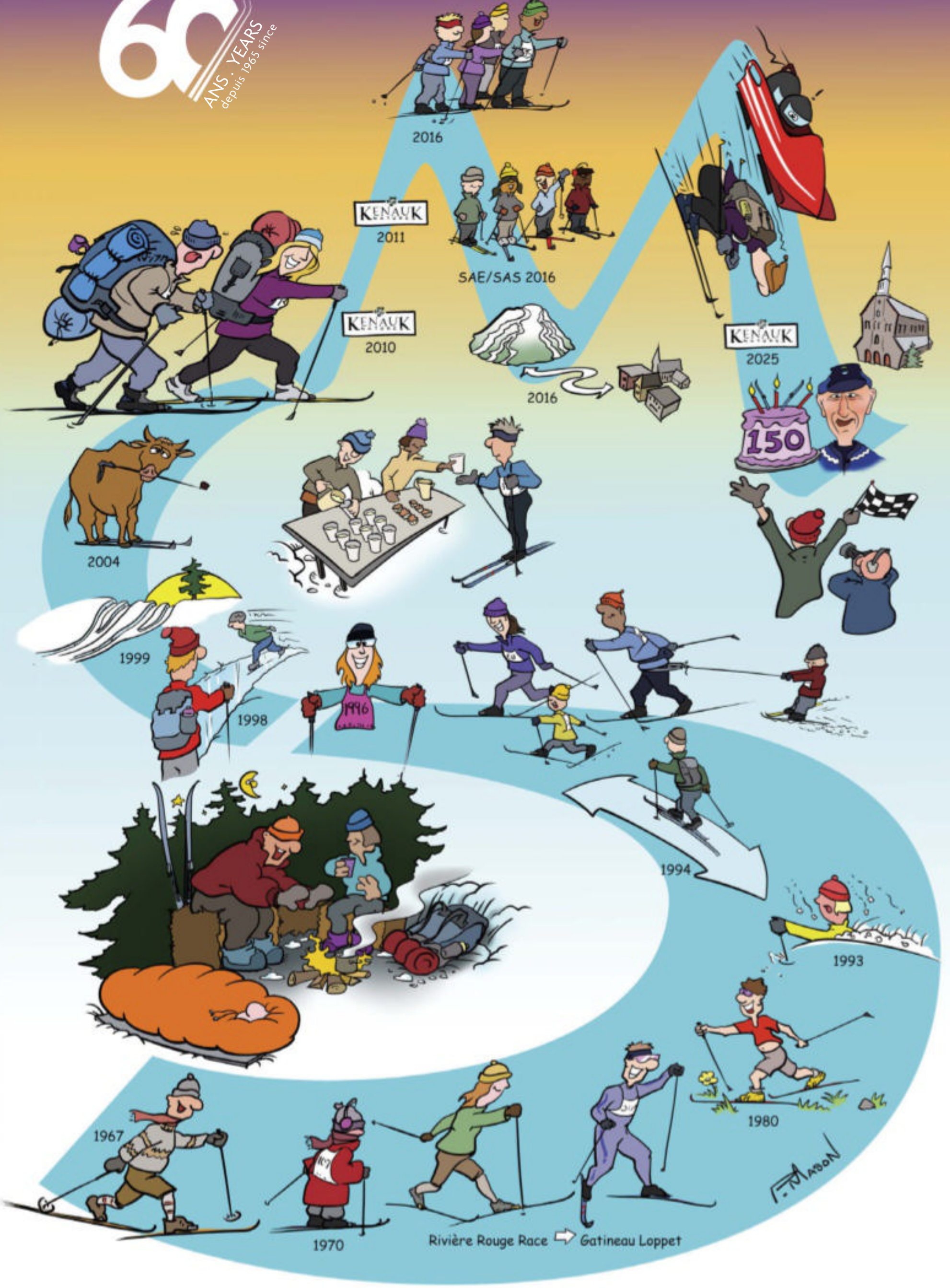
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SAULT STE. MARIE

Sault Ste. Marie offers some of the best skiing east of the Rockies and a true winter experience with fabulous trails, scenic vistas, glacier-scoured hills, ancient forests and — most importantly — monumental snowfalls.

For Nordic skiers, Sault Ste. Marie has over 150km of groomed trails in two unique destinations. Stokely Creek Lodge has 100km of these trails, with both classic and skating trails spread over 12,000 acres amidst the spectacular Algoma Highlands. It is also consistently voted one of the top five greatest places to cross-country ski in North America.

The lodge first opened in 1976. With as much as 15 feet of snow each season, it features an extensive well-marked trail system, groomed for classic and skate skiing, with six cozy warming huts.

Snowshoeing has taken off in a huge way, and Stokely is blessed with more than 25 kilometres of dedicated snowshoe trails.

Rates are all-inclusive, covering Scandinavian-style lodging, home-cooked meals from the in-house chef, skiing, snowshoeing, a sledding hill (and sleds) for the kids, a sauna and more. You can book accommodations in the lodge, cabins or chalets, most with private baths.

It's worth mentioning the dining options in more detail because lodging at Stokely is a fully rounded five-star experience. For breakfast, enjoy such delights as blueberry pancakes with locally produced maple syrup. A delicious lunch of deli sandwiches or thick-crust pizza can be made to-go and enjoyed in one of the six warming huts found on the trails. When you return for dinner, perhaps indulge in a six-ounce filet mignon with blackberry merlot sauce topped off with homemade rhubarb pie. You get the picture — Stokely Creek Lodge is a true winter pleasure.

Stokely is one of those rare cross-country ski-in ski-out destinations, open for day skiers as well, where you ski around half a kilometre to reach the lodge while your baggage is transported for you. All parts of the extensive trail system begin right at the front door of the Lodge.

You can rent skis and snowshoes, as well as arrange group

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or private lessons with a CANSI Level 2–certified instructor.

For a true winter experience amidst the beautiful backdrop of Northern Ontario wilderness, Stokely Creek Lodge offers an outdoor adventure experience like no other.

Hiawatha Highlands is an amazing winter wonderland with a Nordic ski buzz that's hard to match, and it's conveniently only 10 minutes from downtown Sault Ste. Marie.

With over 50km of professionally groomed trails, for both classic and skate skiing on three unique systems, Hiawatha's cross-country skiing is a local favourite with something for all levels of skiers.

The Pinder system has 10km of green and blue trails with just a hint of elevation, while the beautiful Red Pine network offers more of a challenge with 15km of trails for those looking for some hills and climbs and a great workout. Hiawatha's stunning 23km Crystal Creek system offers a variety of graded trails surrounding the creek and waterfalls.

Check out the 2km Kinsmen night skiing section within the Crystal Creek system, or enjoy more than 9km of snowshoe trails that run parallel to the ski trails. Fat biking has also grown in popularity, and Hiawatha Highlands now offers more than 9km of trails to enjoy.

The cozy clubhouse is a great hub for passes, refreshments, rentals, or a place to warm up before your next excursion.

For a perfect day of cross-country skiing adventures, find out why Hiawatha Highlands is one of the most popular places to experience winter in Sault Ste. Marie. *-JC*

REGION
ONTARIO, CANADA

ACCOMMODATION
Scandinavian-style lodging at Stokely in the lodge, cabins or chalets, most with private baths. Many options in Sault Ste. Marie

AMENITIES
Two Scandinavian saunas & CANSI Level 2–certified instructor at Stokely, cozy clubhouse at Hiawatha Highlands

DINING
Stokely features a five-star dining experience. Hiawatha has refreshments in their clubhouse & many options in Sault Ste. Marie

XC SKIING
- Late Nov. to March
- 100km of groomed classic & skating trails & six cozy warming huts at Stokely
- 50km of groomed classic & skate trails at Hiawatha
- Rentals
- Lessons
- Tours

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES
Snowshoeing, fat biking, backcountry skiing, sledding

ATTRACTIONS
Ice Caves tour for Stokely guests, Art Gallery of Algoma and Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre

GETTING THERE
Nearest airports: Sault Ste. Marie (YAM/CYAM) at 21km; 35km to Chippewa County Int'l (CIU/KCIU) in Michigan

Tourism Sault Ste. Marie
99 Foster Drive, Sault
Sainte Marie, ON P6A 5X6

(705) 759-5442

visit@saulttourism.com
www.saulttourism.com

Trail Fees
Trails included with overnights at Stokely, daily adult fee is $17.85 at Hiawatha

Room Rates
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LES ROUTES BLANCHES

BACKCOUNTRY XC SKIING IN QUEBEC'S LAURENTIANS

"Unique!" "Historical!" "Adventurous!" All of these apply to Les Routes Blanches (the White Roads), a newly launched fabulous multi-day Nordic ski initiative in the heart of the Laurentians, promoting the region's ski heritage from the early 1900s. Embracing the region's special ski trains (le Train des neiges) inaugurated in 1927, to the famous Maple Leaf trail completed in 1933 by legendary "Jackrabbit" Johannsen, Les Routes Blanches offers three spectacular routes covering more than 140km of ungroomed trails that can be experienced separately or as an ambitious eight-day ski adventure of a lifetime. Introductions to Nordic Skiing are also available, and self-guided trips are welcome along with guided packages that include hotels, meals, trail access, safety, and luggage transportation.

EAST ROUTE boutique-style, inn-to-inn XC ski journey covering 45km/28 miles over three days for experienced skiers, as well as a two-day option, that can be self-guided or fully supported by a guided package. Your adventure starts in Prévost, then shuttle to Val-David, where you'll ski 13km/8 miles to Val-Morin on the historic Gillespie Trail. Enjoy elegant dining and lodging at famous Far Hills Resort Hotel. Day 2 takes you 20km/12 miles from Val-Morin to Sainte-Adèle, following the tracks of Nordic pioneers Jackrabbit Johannsen and Eddy Fortier. Rejuvenate as you dine and stay overnight at the handsome Au Clos Rolland. After breakfast, warm up on the P'tit Train du Nord trail (1km/.6 miles), then head into the forest and through the Alfred Kelly Nature Reserve. The day ends with après-ski enjoyment at the renowned Shawbridge Microbrewery. A 5-day XC ski adventure option is also available.

WEST ROUTE features the easiest trails (although still challenging), covering a total of 47km/29 miles over three days for a guided and self-guided, more rustic ski adventure with lodging in yurts and chalets. Following picturesque routes created by cross-country pioneers Jackrabbit Johannsen and James Jackson, the loop route starts and ends in Morin-Heights. Hit the trails as you ski about 10km/6 miles, to Plein-Air Saint-Adolphe-d'Howard for your first overnight stay. On Day 2 (16km/10 miles), your adventure continues as you travel through forested glades and over frozen lakes to Parc Regional de Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts. The final day sees you tackling the longest segment (20km/12.5 miles) as you ski past the villages of Val-David and Val-Morin, with breathtaking views of the Laurentian hinterland, and onward to Morin-Heights, for a journey well-done.

NORTH ROUTE is the most challenging ski adventure and is for guided services only. The 34km/21 mile journey on the Mont Tremblant massif features two days of skiing and overnights at the wonderful ecolodge and nature sanctuary Le Farouche with modern a-frame cabins. On Day 1, after a lavish breakfast, a shuttle takes you to the start in Mont Tremblant Park. You'll ski 19km with 692m of elevation and after a warm break, continue along the North-South trail to Tremblant village, where a well-deserved après-ski awaits you, along with a gourmet dinner at Farouche. On Day 2, head to Mont Tremblant Station for a 15km day, starting with the ascent of the Johannsen trail and enjoy lunch at the top. Descend via Toit des Laurentides with a long glade ski and arrive at Le Farouche to conclude your adventure. - JW

REGION

QUEBEC,
CANADA

ACCOMMODATION
From boutique-style hotels & inns, to more rustic yurts & chalets.

AMENITIES
App available for the self-guided option with all documents, maps, etc. included.

DINING
Elegant dining to casual options depending on the route and packages selected.

XC SKIING
- East Route 45km/28 miles, three days, guided, self-guided
- West Route 47 km/29 miles, three days, self-guided
- North Route 34 km/21-mile loop, two days, guided
- Historic trails

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES
Snowshoeing, Backcountry skiing, Alpine skiing, Snowboarding

ATTRACTIONS
Jackrabbit Trails, Alfred Kelly Nature Reserve, Mont-Tremblant, Versant Nord

GETTING THERE
Nearest airport:
- Pierre Elliott Trudeau Int'l (YUL) Montréal

Les Routes Blanches
1014 rue Valiquette,
Sainte-Adèle, QC, J8B 2M3

(800) 757-0465

info@lesroutesblanches.ca

www.lesroutesblanches.com

Tourism Laurentians
For more information:
www.laurentians.com

Trail Fees
Self-guided package $50 plus $250-$400 West Route, $400-$650 East Route; Guided tours $1395 (3-day) $2170 (5-day) East Route, from $1099 West Route, $1479 North Route. Group discounts may apply.

Room Rates
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PHOTOS: TRAVERSÉE DE CHARLEVOIX

TRAVERSÉE DE CHARLEVOIX

For a truly epic Nordic ski adventure, the Traversée de Charlevoix in Quebec is a one-of-a-kind national treasure. Their fabulous do-it-yourself trips now range from 43km to 127km that end ''by the sea,'' the St. Lawrence River. The unique trail and hut system is managed by Sentiers Québec-Charlevoix, a non-profit organization that has been operating trails in the area for over 45 years.

The traditional Traversée de Charlevoix route takes skiers 105km from St-Urbain to Mont Grand Fonds. But with the completion of the new Uapishtan hut last year, the organization now offers a new 127km route, Le Sentier de l'Orignac, from St-Urbain to St-Siméon, dubbed ''The crossing from the Mountains to the Sea" route.

With the two trajectories, skiers can also opt for shorter and less challenging ski adventures including 43km, 51km, 54km, 74km, 105km or 127km trips. Three of the route options (43km, 74km and 127km) finish in St-Siméon, ''by the sea" (the St. Lawrence).

The routes are not flat, and over the 127km/79-mile route the elevation gain/loss is +3982m/–4720m, offering experienced skiers a priceless opportunity to immerse themselves in a long-distance, hut-to-hut cross-country skiing adventure in a wilderness setting.

The shorter 43km/27-mile tour option is more forgiving, but it's still a challenge with an elevation gain/loss of +1685m/–1337m.

Part of the Trans Canada Trail and the Sentier National au Québec, the mystical route is one of the most beautiful wilderness trails in the province; it features unique ecosystems from boreal forest to mixed forest, maple groves, and highlands with surrounding peaks reaching up to 1000 metres in altitude.

Abundant animal tracks portend what the stealthy observer can see. It's not uncommon to witness moose, porcupines, black bears (the kind ones), grouse, deer, wolves, etc.

Though ungroomed, the routes are well marked, and abundant snow warrants Nordic skis or very light touring skis — conditions dependent.

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The use of skins is highly recommended for both climbs and steep descents; rentals are available. A sled is not recommended as the terrain makes it very difficult to use.

The rustic cabins, which can accommodate up to 12 people, are well-equipped, but keep in mind that there is no running water and only solar energy. All cabins are near a water source, and it's possible to charge small devices via USB, like a cellphone or GPS.

Cabins can be rented, for exclusive group trips, and services such as luggage and food transportation, or food drops by snowmobile, are also available. Vehicle transfers can also be arranged, and carpooling is encouraged.

For guided expeditions, look no further than Quatre Natures, which offers fully supervised trips, including equipment, food, transfers and more.

Just two hours from Quebec City, and 50 air miles from the northernmost tip of Maine, La Traversée de Charlevoix is a bucket-list Nordic ski adventure that will surely have you longing for more.

REGION

QUEBEC, CANADA

ACCOMMODATION

Rustic cabins that are well-equipped and can accommodate up to 12 people; camping options are also available

AMENITIES

Possible to charge small devices via USB, like a cellphone or a GPS; baggage transportation is available for groups only; vehicle transfers also available

DINING

Skiers bring their own food, food drop-offs can be arranged.

XC SKIING

- Trips range from 43 km to 127km
- 43km, 74km and 127km routes finish in St-Siméon by the St Lawrence.
- Routes are not flat
- Nordic skis or very light touring skis
- Skins are highly recommended, rentals are available

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Walking, hiking and trail running in summer

ATTRACTIONS

Unique ecosystems, moose, porcupines, black bears (the kind ones), grouse, deer, wolves, etc.

GETTING THERE

Nearest airport:
- Jean Lesage Int'l (YQB) in Québec City

Charlevoix Crossing
135, rang Saint-François
Saint-Urbain-de-Charlevoix, Que. G0A 4K0

418-639-2284
traversee@sentiersquebeccharlevoix.com

www.traverseedecharlevoix.qc.ca

Trail Fees

Trail fees are included; for fully guided expeditions including equipment, food, transfers and more contact Quatre Natures.

Room Rates

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REGION

BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

ACCOMMODATION
Many lodging options in Salmon Arm, or in Vernon, popular cabins nearby for rent.

AMENITIES
Heated chalet, gear sales & rentals at Skookum Gear in Salmon Arm & at John's Ski Shack near Larch Hills

DINING
Most skiers pack their own lunches/snacks, commercial-style kitchen with microwave, refrigerator, stove and kettle, restaurants in Salmon Arm or Vernon.

XC SKIING

- Over 170km of BC's finest XC ski trails
- 17km of snowshoe trails
- Over 10km of dedicated canine ski trails
- 6.5km of lit trails for night skiing
- Two shelters on the trail network

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES
Snowmobiling, downhill skiing and snowboarding nearby

ATTRACTIONS
Lantern Ski, Reino Keski-Salmi Loppet, Larch Hills Winery, Margaret Falls

GETTING THERE
Nearest airport:
• Kelowna Int'l (YWL) 95km away

Larch Hills Nordic Society
Box 218, Salmon Arm, BC,
V1E 4N3

(236) 586-5711

info@skilarchhills.ca
www.skilarchhills.ca/

Trail Fees
$18 per adult (18+), $10 per youth (17 and under), $36 per family; Snowshoeing $10 per adult (18+), $5 per youth (17 and under), $20 per family

Room Rates
$-$$$

PHOTOS: LARCH HILLS NORDIC SOCIETY

LARCH HILLS NORDIC SOCIETY

Located about 20km from Salmon Arm, the Larch Hills Nordic Society boasts over 170km of some of BC's finest cross-country ski trails, including 17km of snowshoe trails, and over 10km of dedicated canine ski trails.

Their Prinoth Bison track setter regularly grooms 57km of skate and classic tracks with 6.5km of lit trails for night skiing, and there are also two shelters available on the trail network.

Photo-worthy panoramic views of mountains and lakes are spectacular from several trail points, especially from the top of Panorama.

The community-operated Nordic ski area offers low daily trail fees along with membership options and currently has over 1,000 outdoor enthusiasts as members.

A heated chalet welcomes visitors, and while no food is served, a commercial-style kitchen is available with microwave, refrigerator, stove and kettle — most people pack their own lunches/snacks.

Eateries and lodging options are available in nearby Salmon Arm, a 20-minute drive west, or south in Vernon, about 45 minutes away. There are also some popular cabins nearby for rent.

Both Skookum Gear in Salmon Arm, and John's Ski Shack, about 2km from Larch Hills, offer gear sales and rentals.

Fun events include the Lantern Ski in December with 1km, 5km and 6km track-set trails lit by the gentle glow of kerosene lanterns.

The Society's big annual event every January is the Reino Keski-Salmi Loppet which is part of the Pacific Northwest Loppet Series.

The renowned classic-only event is celebrating its 42nd year and offers 1km, 2km, 5km, 10km, 17km and 32km courses in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

LARCH HILLS
NORDICS

PHOTOS: MENIHEK NORDIC SKI CLUB

MENIHEK NORDIC SKI CLUB

This past season, Menihek Nordic Ski Club celebrated its 50th anniversary as the epicentre of cross-country skiing in Atlantic Canada. An international and national high-performance training centre, the club has hosted two FIS World Cups, the XC Ski Nationals, many Canada Cups and three Canadian Masters.

Menihek Nordic is proud to be Labrador's only official training trail of the Canadian Ski Marathon, North America's oldest cross-country ski event, taking place Feb. 6-8 and celebrating its 60th anniversary.

Located only 3km from quaint Labrador City, the region boasts a five-month long ski season, receiving over 14 feet of snow each winter.

Founded in 1975, the club is proud to host the Great Labrador Loppet once again on March 28, celebrating its 51st anniversary. Registration is open at www.zone4.ca.

Menihek Nordic features over 32km of groomed trails for classic and freestyle, with 9km lit for night skiing and snowshoeing. The club's world-class Koch Trail System was designed by U.S. Olympic medallist Bill Koch and Dartmouth College's Al Merrill, for the 1983 and 1985 FIS World Cup Championships. All trails are maintained daily by Alf Parsons, a renowned World Masters multi-medal winner, who uses a modern PistenBully 100 groomer.

The provincial team of NL trains at Menihek Nordic on early snow each fall. Many skiers come to experience Labrador in search of early snow.

The rustic, log-sided chalet offers a bar, food services, BBQ pit, fireplace, restrooms, Wi-Fi & media equipment, along with friendly staff. Menihek Nordic also has warming cabins and an extensive rental inventory for classic and freestyle skiing as well as snowshoes. They also have Chariot baby sleds for rent, along with fat bikes.

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REGION

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR, CANADA

ACCOMMODATION

Two Seasons Inn in Labrador City, free Wi-Fi, cable TV, gym, restaurant and bar

AMENITIES

Chalet with bar, food services, BBQ Pit, fireplace, restrooms, Wi-Fi, media equipment, rental inventory, ski lessons, heated wax hut and lockers

DINING

Pizza Delight with Maverick's Lounge and Two Seasons Inn at Labrador City

XC SKIING

- November to May
- Average annual snowfall of 170"
- 32km groomed for classic and skating
- 9km lit for night skiing & snowshoeing
- World-class Bill Koch Trail System
- Glenn Bond Spring Camp
- 51st Great Labrador Loppet, March 28
- Warming huts

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Downhill skiing, ice fishing, snowmobiling

ATTRACTIONS

Arts and Culture Centre, Edmund Montague Exhibit Hall

GETTING THERE

Nearest airport:

- Wabush (WYK) 10 min. away; Check out PAL's special rate from Montréal to Wabush; no direct connections from U.S.
- 1,250km from Montréal

Menihek Nordic Ski Club
P.O. Box 38, Smokey Mountain Rd, Labrador City, NL A2V 2K3

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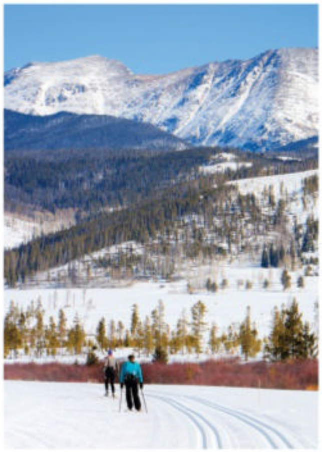

Grand County is home to more kilometers of cross country skiing and days available to ski, snowshoe, or ride your fat bike than anywhere in the nation! Local groups, towns and neighborhoods work together to provide free, dog-friendly groomed or packed Nordic trails. There are three Nordic centers within 30 miles, five guest ranches, 100s of miles of free trails, and excellent backcountry ski opportunities across seven mountain towns within the county.

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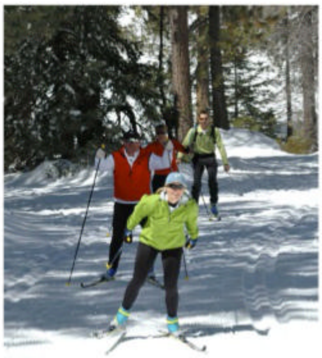
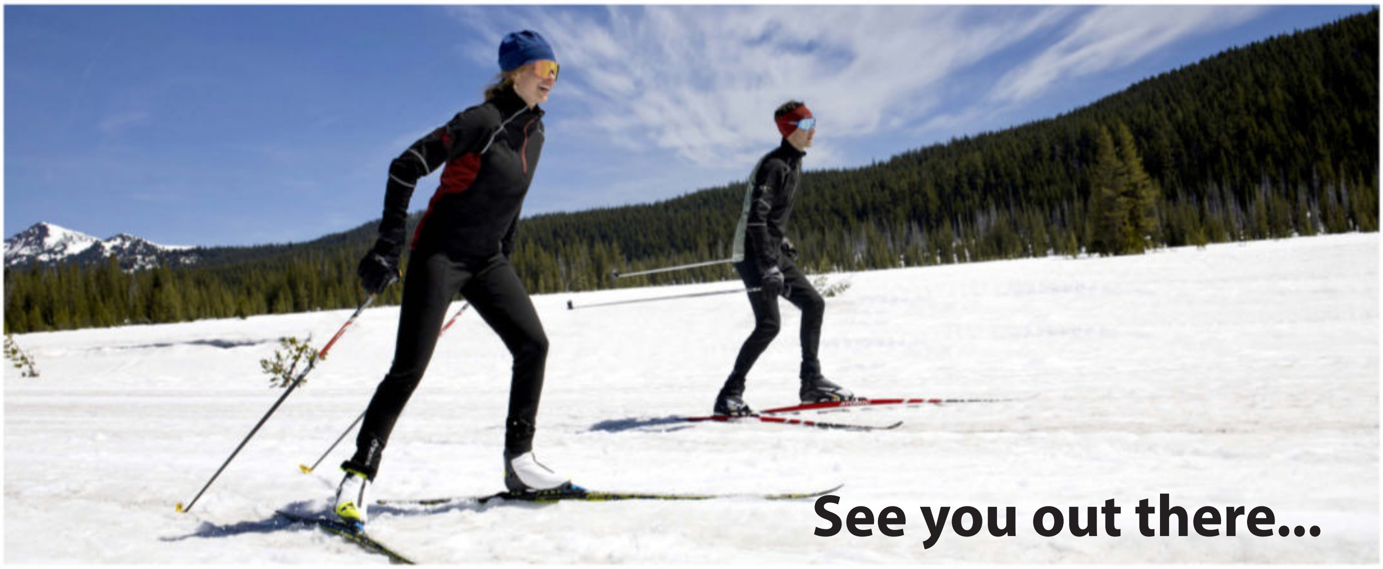


Rim Nordic Ski Area is located in the beautiful San Bernardino Mts. and is the only cross-country ski area in Southern California with machine-groomed trails for skiers of all levels and abilities. Over 10 miles of trails are groomed for classic and skating skiing with separate trails for snowshoers. Rentals for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are available on site with a retail and repair shop as well. Lessons for all levels are also available, and sorry but no pets are allowed on the trails.

www.rimnordic.com



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www.nscfairbanks.org

Nordic Skiing Association of Anchorage
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www.anchoragenordicski.com

Alberta

Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park
Canmore 403-678-2400
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www.albertaparks.ca/parks/kananaskis/canmore-nordic-centre-pp/

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British Columbia

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www.whistlersportlegacies.com

California

Bear Valley Adventure Company
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https://steamboatsprings.net/131/Howelsen-Hill-Ski-Area

Keystone Nordic Center/ Vail Resorts
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Spring Gulch Nordic Trails
Carbondale
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www.springgulch.org

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www.rollogrooming.com/valley-floor/

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www.unaxski.com

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www.woodmoornordicnonprofit.org

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www.sunvalley.com

Maine

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https://woodsandtrails.org/

Pineland Farms
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20km Lodging Nearby
www.lcnsc.org

LOGE Glacier National Park
Essex 406-807-8540
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www.logecamps.com/property/glacier-natl-park

Missoula Nordic Ski Club
Missoula
30km Lodging Nearby
www.missoulanordic.org

Montana's Yellowstone Country
Bozeman
Lodging Nearby
www.visityellowstonecountry.com/nordic-skiing

Rendezvous Ski Trails
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W. Yellowstone 406-646-7701
35km Lodging Nearby
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Bretton Woods Nordic
Bretton Woods 603-278-3322
100km Lodging On-site
www.brettonwoods.com

Eastman XC
Grantham 603-863-4500
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Franconia Inn & Outdoor Center
Franconia 603-823-5542
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www.franconiainn.com

Great Glen Trails Outdoor Center
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40km Lodging On-site
www.greatglentrails.com

Green Woodlands
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50km Lodging Nearby
www.Greenwoodlands.org

Gunstock XC and Snowshoeing Center
Gilford 800-486-7862
50km Lodging Nearby
www.gunstock.com

Isinglass Trails
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12km Lodging Nearby
www.isinglasstrails.org

Jackson Ski Touring Foundation
Jackson 603-383-9355
100km Lodging Nearby
www.jacksonxc.org

Mt. Washington Valley Ski Touring & Snowshoe Center
Intervale 603-356-9920
30km Lodging Nearby
www.MWVSkiTouring.org

Nansen Ski club
Milan
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www.skinansen.com

Nordic Skier/Wolfeboro XC
Wolfeboro 603-569-3151
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Waterville Valley Nordic Center
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76km Lodging On-site
www.waterville.com

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High Point XC Ski Center
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Bearpen Mountain
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www.bearpenmountain.com

Fahnestock Winter Park
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20km Lodging Nearby
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Garnet Hill Lodge XC Ski Center
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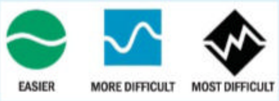

These national standard signs indicate relative difficulty of ski trails at each area. Please choose trails appropriate to your ability and fitness.

Rentals Most nordic centers rent ski equipment. We have noted the exceptions in the Directory. Snowshoes and children's pulk sleds may also be available to rent. Inquire about available rental gear before leaving home.

Lessons Since most cross country ski areas offer lessons, we don't mention it in each listing. Be sure to ask when lessons are available. After a couple hours of instruction you'll have the skills for a lifetime of enjoyment. Instruction helps even an experienced skier to improve.

Dogs On Trails Not all nordic centers are able to welcome skiers with their dogs. Many ski area trails cross private property and protecting access for skiers is of primary concern for the nordic center. Please inquire with the ski area before bringing your dog.

Snowshoeing Most cross country areas invite snowshoers to use their trails. Some nordic centers designate trails specific for snowshoers. Be sure to ask which trails are for snowshoeing. If the trails are shared with xc skiers, stay off the groomed tracks and yield to skiers.

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Camden 315-599-7377
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Ontario

Scenic Caves Nordic Centre
Collingwood 705-446-0256
27km Lodging Nearby
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Oregon

Mt. Bachelor XC Center
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Silvies Valley Ranch
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Quebec

Mont Sainte Anne Cross Country
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Utah

Mountain Dell (TUNA)
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Nordic United
Logan
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Ruby's Inn
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Soldier Hollow
Midway 435-654-2002
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www.soldierhollow.com

White Pine Touring
Park City 435-649-6249
20km Lodging On-site
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Blueberry Lake Nordic Center
Warren 802-496-6687
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Craftsbury Outdoor Center
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30km Lodging nearby
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Rikert Outdoor Center
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Sleepy Hollow Inn Ski Ctr.
Huntington 802-434-2283
35km Lodging On-site
www.skisleepyhollow.com

Trapp Family Lodge
Stowe 802-253-5719
65km Lodging On-site
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Viking Nordic Center
Londonderry 802-824-3933
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2025-2026

Dec 6	**12th Annual Quarry Road Opener**	Quarry Road Trails, ME
Dec 13-14	**Rodrigues Memorial Sprints & Kendall Memorial Classic**	Rikert Outdoor Center, VT
Dec 20-21	**Cheri Walsh Memorial Fischer Eastern Cup**	Holderness School, NH
Jan 4	**Bogburn Classic**	Rikert Outdoor Center, VT
Jan 4	**Gunstok Nordic Race**	Gunstock Nordic Center, NH
Jan 10-11	**Jackson Jaunt and White Mountain Classic**	JacksonXC, NH
Jan 17-18	**Roy Varney Memorial Fischer Eastern Cup**	Quarry Road Trails, ME
Jan 19	**49th Annual Geschmossel Ski Race**	Bretton Woods, NH
Jan 25	**Mansfield Nordic Skiathlon**	Sleepy Hollow, VT
Jan 25	**35th Annual Flying Moose Classic Half-Marathon**	Inland Woods + Trails, ME
Jan 25	**Stratton Terrain Challenge**	Stratton Nordic Center, VT
Jan 25	**New England Women's XC Ski Day**	Holderness School, NH
Jan 30	**White Mountain Ski Co. Last Nordic Skier Standing**	JacksonXC, NH
Jan 31	**EMXC Race for Snow**	Weston Ski Track, MA
Jan 31-Feb 1	**Craftsbury Marathon**	Craftsbury Outdoor Center, VT
Feb 7	**Silver Fox Trot BKL & Community Race**	Oak Hill Outdoor Center, NH
Feb 7	**Great Caribou Bog Classic Race**	Caribou Bog Outdoor Center, ME
Feb 7-8	**Henchey Memorial Fischer Eastern Cup & UVM Carnival**	Craftsbury Outdoor Center, VT
Feb 8	**Tour de Stowe**	von Trapp Family Lodge, VT
Feb 8	**Gunstock Paintball Biathlon**	Gunstock Nordic Center, NH
Feb 8	**Ski the Beav 5k, BKL Race & Learn to Ski Clinic**	Beaver Meadow Golf Course, NH
Feb 14-15	**Oak Hill Fischer Eastern Cup Finale**	Oak Hill Outdoor Center, NH
Feb 14	**Great Caribou Bog Freestyle Race**	Caribou Bog Outdoor Center, ME
Feb 27	**Titcomb Mountain Starlight Sprint**	Titcomb Mountain, ME
Feb 28-Feb 1	**Rangeley XC Loppet & Burt Kettle Classic**	Rangeley Lakes Trail Center, ME
Feb 28-Mar 1	**L.L. Bean Bill Koch League Festival**	JacksonXC, NH
Mar 6-8	**Eastern High School Championships**	Gore Mountain, NY
Mar 7	**48th Annual Mt. Washington Cup**	Bretton Woods, NH
Mar 8	**Long Haul Loppet**	JacksonXC, NH
Mar 13-15	**Eastern U16 Championships**	Oak Hill Outdoor Center, NH
Mar 28	**NENSA Club Relay Championships**	Craftsbury Outdoor Center, VT

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White Grass Touring Center
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